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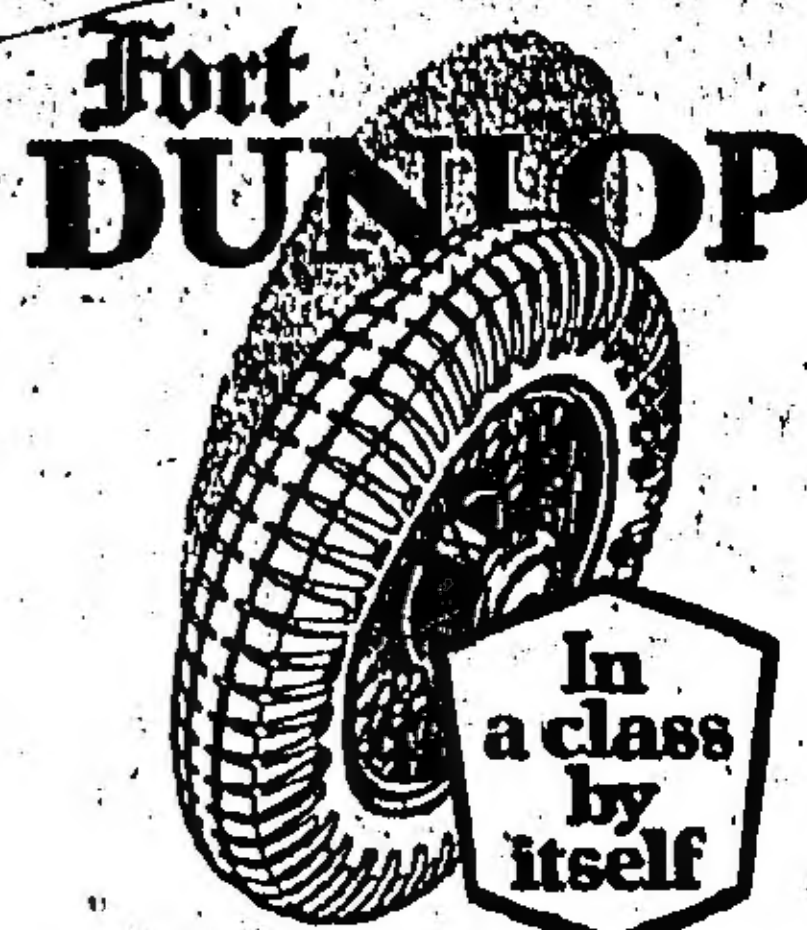
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JAPAN WARNED BY U.S.A.

Concern at Anti-Bandit Activities.
KEEP THE PEACE.

Washington, Thursday. The American Ambassador at Tokyo has been instructed to express the concern with which the Government of the United States views the reports of movements contemplated at Chinchow. He has also been instructed to draw the attention of the Japanese Government to reports from military observers of several nations, including the United States Military Attache, that there is no evidence that China is preparing an offensive movement. It is understood that France is making similar representations, and it is believed Britain will do likewise.

Mr. Hugh Gibson has been appointed to the American Delegation to the Disarmament Conference.

Fresh representations have been made to Japan to prevent renewed hostilities, according to an announcement made by the State Department.—Reuter's American Service.

SHIPPING FREIGHTS.

For some weeks now, and especially of late, shipping circles in the Far East, excluding Japanese, have been decidedly animated and shown a degree of activity that is most promising. Of course, Hong Kong has participated in this activity to an appreciable extent, and a very fair turn-over in the chartering line has been done.

This all up to shipping, other than Japanese, is attributed to China's boycott of Japan.

Shanghai wharves and godowns are said to be congested with freights and, while bottoms are available, they cannot be loaded and turned round quick enough to make an appreciable impression on the mountain of freights waiting to be moved.

At the same time, inward bottoms cannot get rid of their cargoes quick enough to please merchants.

How long this happy state of affairs is likely to last is, of course, problematical; but there is yet no sign of the demand for freights and more freights diminishing.

It is understood that many steamers, which have been riding idly at anchor in various ports, are being re-commissioned and coming Eastward as fast as possible.

ROYAL FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Prince of Wales, Duke and Duchess of York, and Prince George are travelling to Sandringham to-day to join the King and Queen over Christmas. Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose are already with their Majesties.

The Court is not expected back in London until February.—British Wireless Service.

CHRISTMAS MORNING ACCIDENT

Mr. H. A. Taylor, Government Monopoly Analyst, and his wife, of 550, The Peak, were involved in a nasty motor smash which occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning.

According to a report lodged at the Police Station, Mr. Taylor said that at 1.30 o'clock he was driving his motor-cycle combination, with his wife in the side-car, down Stubbs Road, when, on

'XMAS TRAGEDY

HAPPY SHOPPERS ENTOMBED.

WALL COLLAPSE

5 KILLED—3 INJURED—2 MISSING.

Port Elizabeth, Thursday. A Christmas shopping tragedy occurred here to-day, when the walls of a building, which was being demolished, collapsed and buried a shop in which, besides six saleswomen, there were customers.

So far five are reported dead, two missing, and three seriously injured.—Reuter.

PONY RACING.

Macao Meeting Popular Fixture on Sunday.

PONIES TO WATCH.

[By "Wombat."] Visitors to the 4th Extra Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club will be treated to some exciting sport as a record entry of ponies have been received for this meeting which promises to be the best of the present season.

Over 30 ponies left by steamer this morning to participate in tomorrow's meeting and these combined with the old ponies already there will be having their first run. Some very big fields are sure to be in evidence which will tend to make up for previous meetings where runners were conspicuous by their absence.

In the opening event we have some very fine ponies which include such fine performers as Daylight Eve, Ataman, Lobster Bay, Paul Pry and Orlando, all of which are nicely forward in condition and I consider that the winner will come from one of those mentioned.

Imperial Hall on his best season's form is not badly in with 160 lb. in the Nanking Handicap. He has done well in his preparation for this event and I am sure he should give a good account of himself.

Mr. G. H. Potts has both Arminius and Genghis-Khan engaged in the Wuhu Plate. They are both fairly good ponies.

- 1st Race: Daylight Eve, Ataman, Lobster Bay.
2nd Race: Imperial Hall, The Comoril, Cloudy Eve.
3rd Race: Golden Glory, Bonzo, Violin.
4th Race: Blue Heaven, The Quail, Tango.
5th Race: Bay of Bellingham II, Glorious Star, Sunning.
6th Race: New King, Celerity, Sunny Day.

PLOT TO START A WAR.

Between Soviet and Japan.
MOSCOW STORY.

Moscow, Yesterday. A sensation has been caused by the report published by the official Tass Agency of the recall, at the instance of the Soviet, of a member of a foreign mission at Moscow who, it is alleged, tried to persuade a Soviet official to stage an attack on the Japanese Ambassador, when he was passing through, with the object of causing a Soviet-Japanese war.—Reuter.

JUVENILE COURTS FOR COLONY.

Legislation for Their Establishment.

NO J. P.'S—YET.

In the Government Gazette is published the draft of a Bill to make provision for proceedings in reference to juvenile offenders. The objects and reasons state:—

1. This Ordinance represents generally the Bill drafted by the Committee appointed to report on measures required for the institution of Juvenile Courts in Hong Kong. The provisions recommended by the Committee, in the matter of associating Justices of the Peace with the Magistrates for the trial of juvenile offenders have been omitted from section 3, as it was felt by the Government after careful enquiries that the time is not ripe for prescribing such association and in particular that the Colony is not yet ready for the appointment of women Justices of the Peace. Section 19 (4) has also been enlarged to make provision for the detention of remanded or convicted persons only in places suited to receive them.

2. The Ordinance is based partly on the relevant provisions of the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, the Children Act, 1908, the Juvenile Courts (Metropolis) Act, 1902, and the Criminal Justice Act, 1925, and partly on a model Bill which has been recommended by a similar Committee in England.

PASSPORT FEES.

The scale of fees charged by the Passport Office, as from January 1, inclusive, will be as follows:—
Issue of Passport \$10.00
Issue of Travel Certificate and similar documents each 4.00
Renewal of passport for each year of renewal 2.00
Endorsement of passport, otherwise than at the time of issue or renewal 4.00
Transit visa, normal fee 0.80
Entry visa, normal fee 8.00
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H.K. \$0.80=1 franc (gold).

Particulars concerning the fees charged in any particular case may be obtained on application at the Passport Office, Colonial Secretary's Department.

"RED SHIRTS" LEADER ARRESTED.

New Delhi, Yesterday. Abdul Gaffur Khan, leader of the "Red Shirts," who has been stirring up trouble on the North-West Frontier, has been arrested.—Reuter.

LEOPARD SHOT

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MAN MAULED

A SEVEN-FOOT BRUTE.

News has just reached the Colony, that a leopard, measuring seven feet from head to tail, was shot in the New Territories last Sunday afternoon, by villagers, north of Chung Pul Village, in the Sha Tau Kok district. The villagers were from U Kau Tin.

Before being killed, the leopard mauled a man, named Wong Fung-yau, aged 24 years, a carpenter of Tsat Mak Kiu. Slight injuries were inflicted to the left side of his head and face, but he declined to go to hospital for treatment.

FIRE SERVICES.

Permit from Water Authority.

SCALE OF FEES.

The Waterworks Regulations have been further amended by the addition of the following regulations:—

43. Fire services may be permitted by the Water Authority when in his opinion or in the opinion of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade the same are necessary or expedient to enable water from the waterworks to be used by the owner or occupier of any building or structure for the purpose of combating fire.

44. Every permit for a service granted by the Water Authority shall be subject to such conditions, stipulations and reservations as he may see fit to make or impose.

45. No fire service permit shall include or imply any undertaking, warranty or obligation on the part of the Government or any department or officer thereof that water will at all times or when required be available by or through the fire service, or against failure or breakdown or defects or interruptions.

46. The following fees shall be paid into the Treasury for the use and/or retention of fire services on and after January 1, 1932:—

service	per annum
6"	\$110
4"	75
3"	50
2"	35

TAXED FOR BEING OUT AFTER 9 P.M.

"Making Whoopee" will, from now on, be an expensive business in Bratislava. The town council have decided to impose a special tax on anybody found out after curfew, which is nine o'clock in the Winter and ten o'clock in the Summer.

Fifteen per cent. of the proceeds will cover the expenses incurred in the collection of the tax, and the remaining 85 per cent. will go to a fund in aid of the unemployed during the Winter.

Bratislava is the capital of the Province of Slovakia.

OCCASIONAL RAIN!

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this morning states:—

The anti-cyclone has moved eastward into the Yellow Sea. The depression has passed into the Pacific to the east of Tokyo.

Forecast:—N. E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; occasional rain.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT HOME.

Tons and Tons of Parcels.
CROWDED STREETS.

Rugby, Yesterday. On the eve of the Christmas holiday, the streets are crowded with shoppers and railway and long-distance motor-coach stations thronged with travellers. In connection with special services hundreds of additional trains are being run. The post office and railways are dealing with a large parcels traffic—the London terminal of one company has been handling five hundred tons daily, and six of the depots claim to have passed forty thousand tons of Christmas traffic.

Celebrations at London hotels, included fancy dress dances, cabarets and concerts. No newspapers will appear on Christmas Day or Saturday, which is Boxing Day.

ENGINES THAT WASH THEMSELVES.

Ready for the Track in a Few Minutes.

Hundreds of locomotives lying in sheds are ready to be put into service instantly the expected trade revival becomes an accomplished fact.

The engines have been "tallowed down." An L.N.E.R. official explained that following a thorough overhaul and repair of an engine all the running parts were then covered with thick tallow to prevent rust. He said:—

"To get the engines worked and coated would be very quick work. The men who are responsible for the 'garaging' of engines have been put on their mettle by competition. Among recent innovations is a method by which an engine can wash itself with its own steam from the boiler.

Mechanical Coaling.

"Another is the building of mechanical coaling plants in all the big centres where locomotives are kept. These big concrete structures are springing up along all parts of our system. Fourteen are now in use and altogether 82 are to be built.

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'DEAD' MAN READS OWN OBITUARY.

It's a rare occasion when a man can eat breakfast and read his obituary in the morning newspaper at the same time. But that's what happened to Mr. Lee Kennedy aged 84.

Mr. Kennedy was stricken with convulsions about midnight. A doctor was summoned. Mr. Kennedy gasped several times and then lay still. The doctor placed a stethoscope over his heart and pronounced him dead. Newspapers were notified and arrangements made with an undertaker.

But when the ambulance came, the "corpse" showed symptoms of life. The relative, who had left before the ambulance came, called at the undertaker's—only to learn that the dear departed was eating breakfast and reading his own obituary.

The doctor was quite unable to explain his startling recovery.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN HONG KONG

LARGE CONGREGATIONS

Christmas services were held, as usual, in all the Colony's Churches yesterday morning, and were largely attended. The Churches were, as usual, decorated for the occasion.

At St. John's Cathedral. Holy Communion was administered at 7 a.m., followed by Choral Eucharist. A Children's Service was held at 10 o'clock, followed by Matins at which the preacher was the Bishop of Victoria (Rt. Rev. C. R. Duppy, D.D.).

At St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon Holy Communion was celebrated at 7.15 and 8.15, followed by Morning Prayer, at which the Rev. C. B. Shann preached. The Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Walton Rogers), and the full choir rendered the anthem "How Lovely are Thy Messengers." The collections were for the Church of England's Homes for Waifs and Strays.

St. Peter's Church. Holy Communion (with hymns) was celebrated at 8 a.m. with a Children's Service at 10.15, followed by Choral Eucharist with Procession and Sermon at 11 a.m.

Union Church. Morning Service was held at 10 at which the Preacher was the Rev. E. G. Powell.

Union Church (Kowloon). Christmas Service was held at 11. The preacher was the Rev. Frank Short. The Anthem, "There Were Shepherds," was rendered by the Choir.

The Sunday School scholars brought gifts of toys which will be distributed to the hospitals. The collection taken was in aid of Sunday School Funds.

Catholic Cathedral. Yesterday, services were held as follows:

Morning:—Low Masses at 6, 9.30 and 10.30. High Mass at 8, accompanied by the Seminary Choir. A special Mass was celebrated at Victoria Gaol by the Catholic Chaplain.

The sum of \$117, bringing the total for two nights to \$256, for St. Dunstan's Homes, was collected by St. Andrew's Church carollers on Christmas Eve, when a second tour of the parish was made, under the leadership of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Walton Rogers) with Mr. R. Baldwin, A.T.C.L. as musical conductor.

The carollers, numbering about 40, made calls at the following places:—Kowloon Cricket Club, Claremont Hotel, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, King's Buildings, Aimal Villas, Armend Buildings, Tores Buildings, Granville Road, Carnarvon Road, and Cameron Road, after which a return was made to the Church Hall, where the singers were served with hot cocoa and delicacies.

Before departing for home, the Vicar thanked the carollers for their services.

NEW ELECTRIC TRAIN.

Secret Test On S.R.

A new electric train left Waterloo recently for a number of trial runs to and from suburban stations on the Southern Railway. Elaborate precautions were taken to keep the test secret.

An official stated later that the run was made to test the motor installation. No actual tests for speed were carried out, but Mr. R. E. L. Mounsell, the chief mechanical engineer of the S.R., was very satisfied with the results.

It is understood that the train is capable of travelling well over a mile a minute, and exceptional acceleration and braking powers are claimed for it.

The coaches are the last word in luxury. A corridor coach was included between two Pullmans on the trial run, and the appointments included a number of new devices for the comfort of passengers.

HEART STOPS FOR 15 MINUTES.

A woman's heart stopped beating for a quarter of an hour. Then it went on again—and she lived.

It stopped beating when she fell into the sea at Thorpe Bay, Southend. It began beating again after a policeman had continued artificial respiration for a quarter of an hour, following her rescue from the water by Mr. Arthur Hayden, of Romford, who waded in.

As soon as the woman was dragged upon the beach the policeman began artificial respiration. He kept on when the woman was put

MAN'S QUEER REQUEST.

Banquet Given After Death.

"EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY"

August F. Schleicher, a San Francisco clubman, who died more than two months ago, was host the other day at a banquet in San Francisco at which 200 men and women dined, sang and told stories.

The food was the kind the dead man had liked.

So were the songs and stories. He liked laughter and music, so the guests laughed and sang. They displayed a minimum of sorrow because he had decreed that it was to have no place in the celebration.

A provision of his will ordered a banquet to be held at which his friends should enjoy an evening of "good food, good music and good fellowship."

In an ambulance and taken to the Victoria Hospital, and did not cease until the house surgeon was ready to give oxygen.

The house surgeon said that normally the heart does not revive when breathing has ceased for five minutes.

The woman was Mrs. Winifred Warren, aged fifty-eight, of Gloucestersgate, Regent's Park.



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KEEP THE CUTTINGS: THEY MAY BE USEFUL.

For The Fashionable Appliques.

Our grandmothers kept what they called a rag-bag. Modern woman has its counterpart in the collection of cuttings which she puts aside for the fashioning of appliques for various ornamental purposes.

When making frocks of gingham or zephyr, be sure to keep the cuttings, no matter what size or shape they may happen to be. With them you may be able to work out some delightful border schemes for linen curtains. Transfer patterns will enable you to cut out the birds and beasts, flowers and fishes, ships and sailing-boats that enter into your designs, so that you may form perfect appliques for the hangings, bedspreads, cushion covers and d'oyeys that you wish to embellish.

Cuttings of velvet also are worth keeping with a view to working them in as appliques. Arranged in the form suitable for the decoration of a little evening coat, the various pieces can be overcast lightly in gold thread or fillole. A running pattern of leaves and buds outlining the cape-collar of the newest coat is quickly done, and will prove distinctive and effective.

Some of the newest berets are a mass of jazzy appliques in multi-coloured silks, such as any home dressmaker might have left over from her frocks and jumpers. It only means a little forethought in keeping suitable scraps neatly lodged in their own drawer or cardboard box.

A FASHION COLLEGE.

Not even creative Paris, where queen fashion has her domicile in thousands of millineries and rules an army of dutiful servants; possesses an educational institute for its "petites midinettes" such as Berlin is proud of having opened as first city in the world.

It is the "Fashion College," an institute in the collegiate manner. The students there receive practical and theoretical instruction and are introduced to many other subjects directly or indirectly connected with fashion.

The latest Paris styles, the many extravagances and varieties of

dress-makers but individual advisers of their feminine clients as well.

After six months the students are required to pass a four day examination qualifying them as "doctors of fashion."

The news of the opening of a fashion college has resulted in a run on the institute from all parts of Europe. Textile factories have requested it to supply them with collections of their latest designs and colours of cloth.

BLACK AND WHITE POPULAR.

[By Mary Knight.]

United Press Staff Correspondent. The Mediterranean hasn't a monopoly on sunshine. Plenty of it sifts through the trees along the grand boulevards of Paris and casts leafy shadows on the Summer frocks it brings into bloom as each ray grows a little warmer.

Somewhere in those rays there seems to be a great magnet for drawing out black and white ensembles—the ones at present are mostly white with black touches in the hat, gloves, purse and shoes. I have in mind an outfit from Chantal. The dress is a street dress suitable for any time of day, or for a Bridge party in the morning or afternoon. It is of white crepe Birman with a series of tucks over the hips that slant and

cluster in front at the waist where they look as though they were tied together in a bow of the crepe. The same idea is carried out on the blouse where they slant upward toward the V of the neckline and another little bow marks the place where they all arrive at the same time. The wrists follow suit with the bows on the outside.

The medium brimmed hat is of black bakou trimmed with a black and white satin ribbon bandeau—two-faced ribbon—and is by Camille Roger. The purse, shoes, and gloves are all in black ante-lope. The purse has an exquisitely carved white jade fastening, and there is a white jade close-fitting necklace as the only item of jewellery needed or desired.

"INDIVIDUALITY" NECKLACES.

"Individuality" necklaces are characteristic of modern woman's dress this season. Mme. Irigoyen, a wealthy South American visitor to London, has achieved success in this direction. She wears a new attractive necklace to match her brown suit.

This necklace is composed of a string of real nutmegs in different shades of brown, with small dried peas between the nutmegs. This offers suggestions to vegetarians,

who would find it useful to carry their lunches round their necks.

But the nutmegs, like a luck amulet, have a definite purpose. They are said to ward off colds and chills from the wearer. Necklace designers are doing their best to help women in their search for the individual necklace. Some have been inspired by Eastern Africa,



and are of curious heavy ivory and gold discs, while others are of stripped beads like old-fashioned marbles. The necklace composed of silver-edged discs is, perhaps, one of the most attractive. Each disc has a mirror in which the wearer can find the reflection of her own face.

EXPERIMENTS IN DECORATION.

Parti-Coloured Walls And Odd Curtains.

It is the latest freak in furnishing fashions deliberately to design a room with parti-coloured walls and woodwork, and, in many instances, the effect is good. For example, there is much to be said for a room in which glossy paint in a soft shade of apricot has been applied to the ceiling and to the walls opposite to and surrounding the window, while the woodwork and the other two walls are painted a deep coffee tint. Curtains and covers are made of one of the new woollen furnishing materials in a mixture of apricot and coffee shades, and this very successfully links up walls and furniture.

Woolens, by the way, are the last word in up-to-date coverings for couches and easy chairs, and even tweeds are used for this purpose. The idea is a practical one from the point of view of wear, but tweeds are happier in country-house lounges than in town-house living rooms. Smoother woollen materials, however, may look very well in the latter case.

Odd window curtains are also to the fore, especially for the room which boasts more than one window. Even at the same window two odd curtains may appear—one, say, in rainbow stripes, the other in plain self-coloured taffeta. Or the pair may be in different shades of the same colour—one, perhaps, in mauve, the other in royal purple. In the double-windowed room, one pair of curtains may be green while the other is French grey. The innovation provides great scope for novel and exhilarating experiments.

NEW CROCKERY.

With a thought for the habit of drinking first thing in the morning and last thing at night, a vacuum jug has been made in pastel colours in a substance that is shiny, but is not glass nor china. It is composition. Besides the thermos

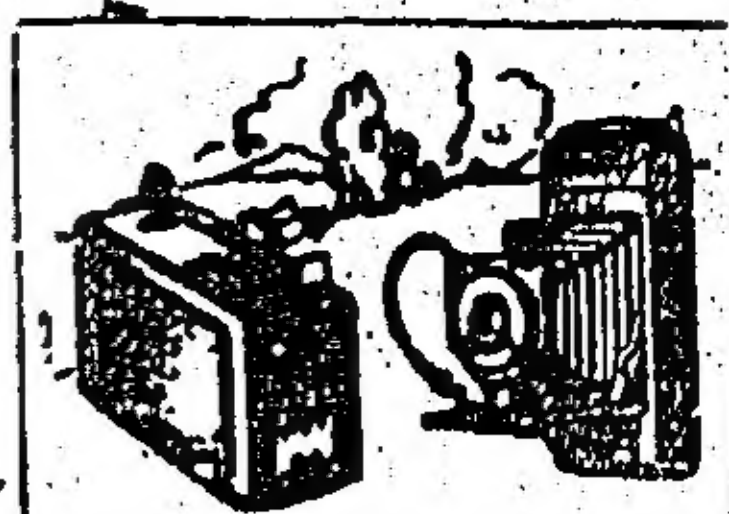


jug there are also a tray and tumbler to match. This set has been devised by a firm who seem to be taking great interest in bedside crockery and furniture. A book-rest to place over the bed which can be converted into a small card table is also stocked by them.



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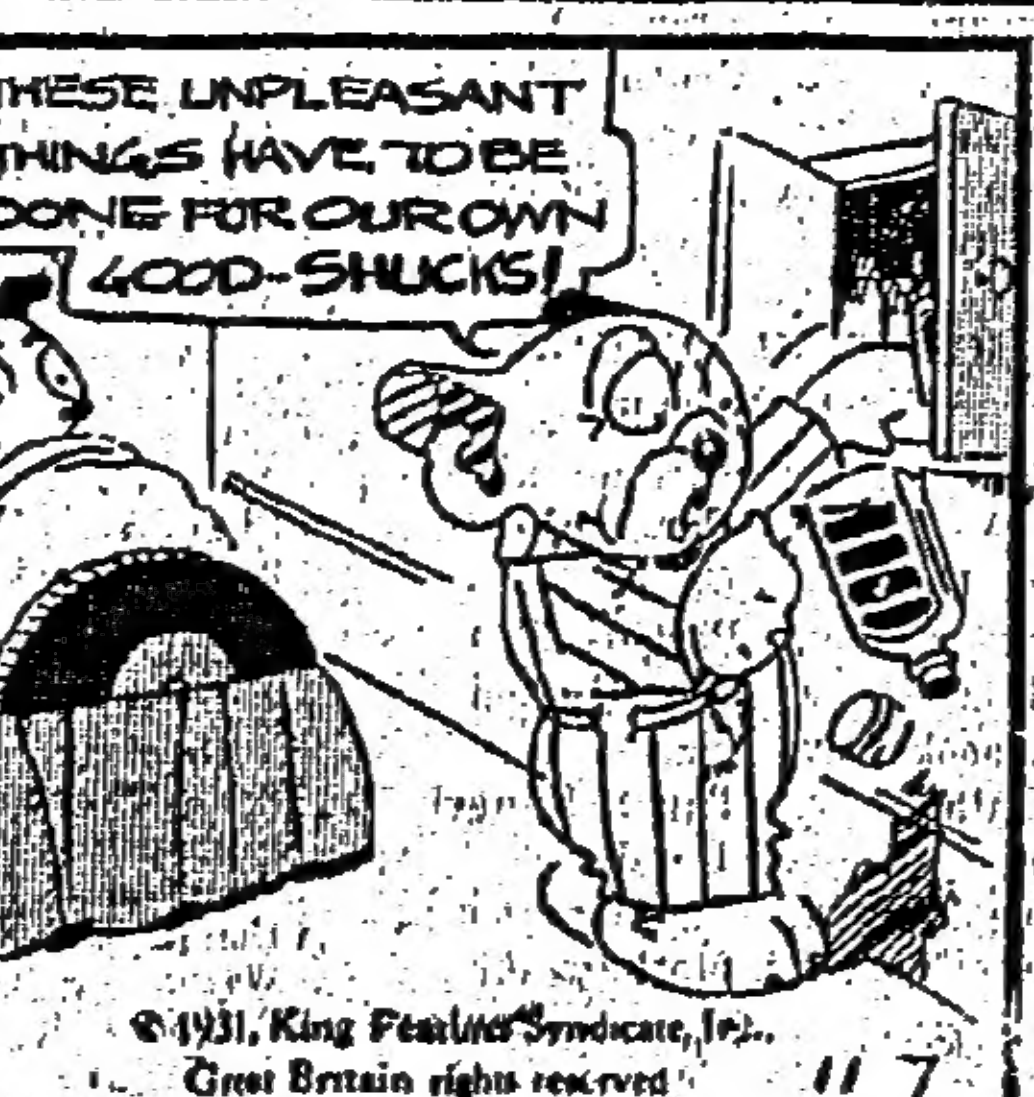
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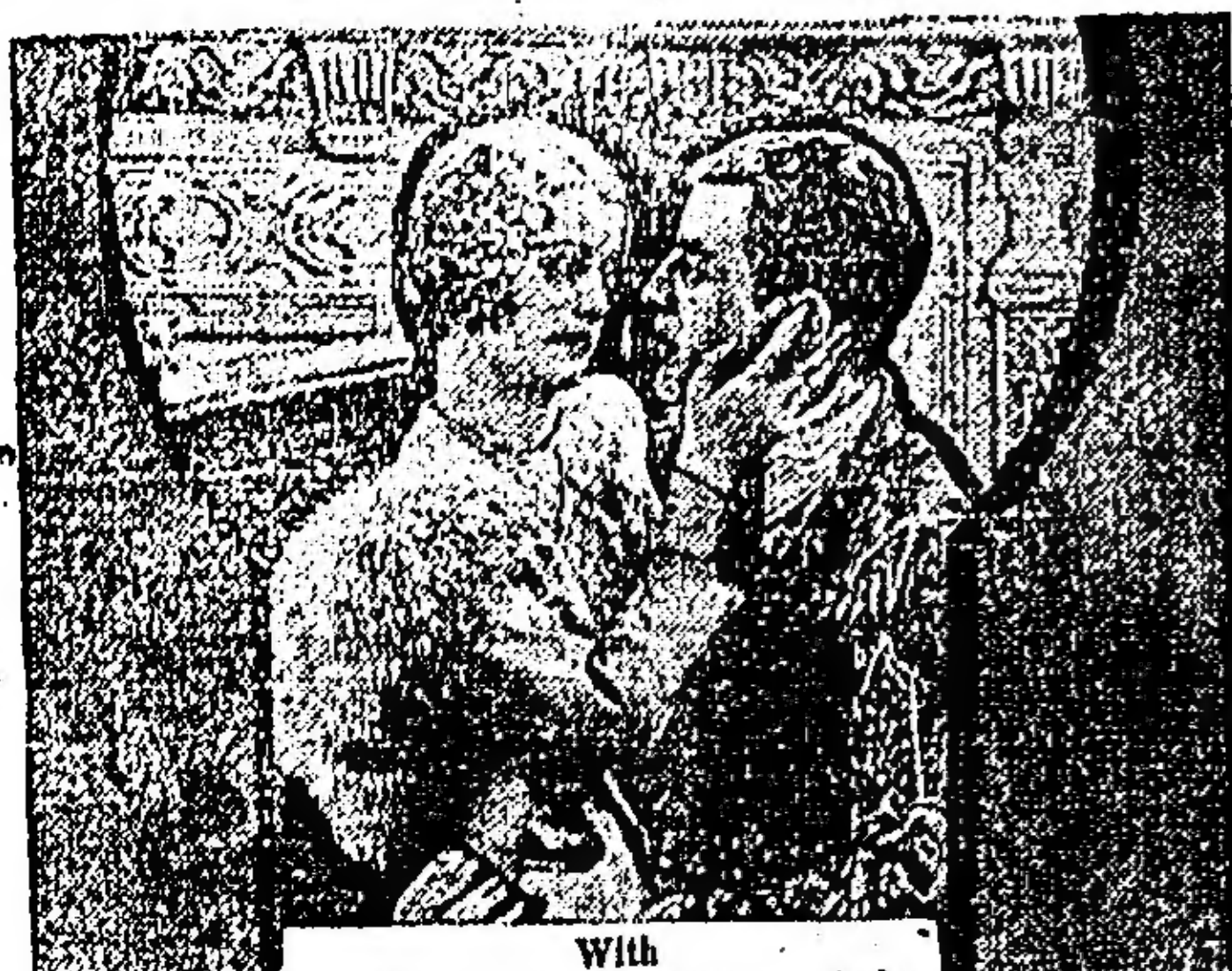
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This is the view of Tilden, in an interview in which he caused surprise in his ranking of American players.

He places Ellsworth Vines, the 19-year-old American champion, only third to Johnny Doeg and Frank Shields.

Sidney Woods is placed fourth, Clifford Sutter fifth, and Gregory Mangin sixth.

GOLF.

Starting Times for
To-Morrow.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning to-day:—

9.28 a.m.	Mrs. Sherry, H. M. Muir.
9.36 "	G. V. T. Marshall, J. D. Danby.
9.16-9.20 a.m.	Not to be booked by players travelling by 8.25 a.m. train.
9.25 a.m.	A. E. Lissaman, W. R. Vallance.
9.28 "	L. G. S. Dodwell, A. Sommerfeldt.
9.32 "	R. K. Hepburn, A. Reid.
9.36 "	J. P. Sherry, G. W. Sewell.
9.40 "	H. Hampton, A. W. Muir.
9.44 "	A. C. I. Bowker, D. G. Bruce.
9.48 "	N. K. Littlejohn, A. R. Cox.
9.52 "	K. S. Robertson, C. Mycock.
9.56 "	R. Young, D. Forbes.
10.00 "	A. B. Purves, E. des Vaux.
10.04 "	V. R. Gordon, A. Ritchie.
10.08 "	W. A. Weight, J. S. Dykes.
10.12 "	I. G. Allison, G. E. R. Divett.
10.16 "	J. W. Alabaster, A. O. Brawn.
10.20 "	N. S. Ellis, R. O. Cherrill.
10.24 "	E. M. Bryden, D. S. Robb.
10.28 "	G. T. May, A. J. R. Wolff.
10.32 "	J. E. Richardson, E. D. Matthews.
10.36 "	J. P. Hollingdale, R. R. Davies.
10.40 "	H. H. Williams, H. C. Gould.
10.44 "	H. C. Shrubsole, J. Coulthart.
10.48 "	L. R. Andrewes, F. A. Merry.
10.52 "	H. C. Watson, J. R. Masson.
10.56 "	W. C. Shields, I. H. Geare.
11.00 "	D. J. Fraser, S. R. Waller.
11.04 "	J. R. Hinton, R. C. Law.
11.08 "	T. Low, T. R. Chassels.
11.12 "	F. A. Redmond, A. D. Humphreys.
11.16 "	P. S. Grant, J. B. Lanyon.
11.20 "	C. J. D. Law, S. J. H. Fox.
11.24 "	W. D. Denham, G. B. McKerrin.

These players (the first four on the Old Course after the arrival of 8.25 a.m. train) should get their clubs and go to the first tee where caddies will be waiting for them. They will get their discs from the Superintendent.

H.K.C.C. JUNIORS AGAINST R.A.S.C.

The following will represent the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI against the R.A.S.C. on the latter's ground at 2 p.m. this afternoon:
C. E. Gahagan (Captain), R. R. Davies, J. E. Way, L. D. Kilboe, L. A. Whipp, P. W. J. Planner, J. R. Ratten, J. M. Sunley, A. Harbord, L. B. Smith, A. N. O'Her.

TALL SCORING.

Aston Villa's Smashing
Victory.

TRANMERE SCORE NINE.

Downfall Of Everton Arsenal And
Wednesday.

London, Yesterday.

First Division.	
Aston Villa	7 Middlesbrough
Blackburn	5 Everton
Blackpool	2 Chelsea
Bolton W.	1 Leicester C.
Grimsby T.	2 West Ham
Liverpool	3 Wednesday
Newcastle U.	2 Huddersfield
Sheffield U.	4 Arsenal
West Brom.	0 Birmingham
Second Division.	
Bradford	3 Leeds U.
Burnley	2 Preston N.E.
Chesterfield	1 Southampton
Manchester U.	3 Wolves
Millwall	2 Barnsley
Notts City.	4 Port Vale
Stoke City	2 Notts Forest
Swansea	0 Bradford C.
Tottenham	0 Charlton
Bristol C.	1 Oldham
Third Division (South).	
Brentford	0 Fulham
Clapton O.	1 Bournemouth
Coventry C.	5 Reading
Crystal Pal.	0 Swindon T.
Gillingham	3 Northampton
Luton Town	2 Cardiff City
Mansfield T.	3 Brighton
Southend U.	0 Exeter City
Thames	0 Bristol R.
Tonny U.	2 Queen's P.R.
Watford	1 Norwich C.
Third Division (North).	
Accrington	5 Wrexham
Chester	2 Lincoln C.
Crewa A.	5 Rotherham
Doncaster	1 York City
Hull C.	3 Hartlepool U.
Southport	5 Walsall
Stockport	0 Carlisle
Tranmere	3 Rochdale
Barrow	3 Darlington
Hallifax	1 Gateshead

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Arsenal	v. Sheffield Un.
Birmingham	v. West Brom.
Chelsea	v. Blackpool
Derby C.	v. Sunderland
Everton	v. Blackburn R.
Huddersfield	v. Newcastle U.
Leicester C.	v. Bolton W.
Middlesbrough	v. Aston Villa
Portsmouth	v. Manchester C.
Wednesday	v. Liverpool
West Ham	v. Grimsby T.
Second Division.	
Barnsley	v. Millwall
Bradford C.	v. Swansea Town
Charlton A.	v. Tottenham
Leeds Un.	v. Bradford
Notts Forest	v. Stoke City
Oldham A.	v. Bristol City
Plymouth A.	v. Bury
Port Vale	v. Notts County
Preston N.E.	v. Burnley
Southampton	v. Chesterfield
Wolves	v. Manchester U.
Third Division (South).	
Bournemouth	v. Clapton O.
Brighton	v. Mansfield T.
Bristol R.	v. Thames
Cardiff C.	v. Luton T.
Exeter C.	v. Southend U.
Fulham	v. Brentford
Gillingham	v. Gillingham
Northampton	v. Watford
Norwich C.	v. Torquay U.
Queen's P.R.	v. Coventry C.
Swindon T.	v. Crystal Pal.
Third Division (North).	
Carlisle U.	v. Stockport C.
Hallifax	v. Gateshead
Hartlepool	v. Hull City
Lincoln City	v. Chester
N. Brighton	v. Darlington
Rochdale	v. Tranmere R.
Rotherham	v. Crawa A.
Walsall	v. Southport
Wigan Boro	v. Barrow
Wrexham	v. Accrington S.
York City	v. Doncaster R.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

First Division.

Aberdeen	v. Airdrieonians
Clyde	v. Cowdenbeath
Dundee Un.	v. Celtic
Falkirk	v. Partick T.
Hamilton	v. Ayr United
Kilmarnock	v. Hearts
Leith Ath.	v. Third Lanark
Morton	v. Dundee
Queen's Park	v. St. Mirren
Rangers	v. Motherwell

HOW RANGERS HAD BOB M'PHAIL.

Remarkable Transfer
from Airdrie.

EVERTON SIDE-STEPPED.

The procedure adopted in arranging the transfer of Bob M'Phail, of Airdrie, to Rangers in April, 1927 was unique.

When the Airdrie directors realised that they could not hold M'Phail they invited sealed offers for his transfer. They did not want to lose him, but they were anxious not to stand in the way of his advancement in football.

Many of the big clubs, including Aston Villa, Everton, Arsenal, and Huddersfield Town, were in the market.

So insistent was the Everton Manager, Mr. Tom H. M'Intosh, that while the transfer was pending he was resident in a Glasgow hotel for about six weeks. His first call in the morning was usually Broomfield Park, Airdrie.

Arsenal were also very keen. Sir Henry G. Norris and Mr. Herbert Chapman, of the London club, met the Airdrie officials during a Board meeting at Broomfield Park, Airdrie.

Sheriff Forsyth sat at the top of the conference table. No club, he told the Arsenal deputation, would get preferential treatment. Sealed letters, containing offers for the player, would not be opened until a date specified, when they would be dealt with at a Board meeting.

After the opening of the letters an amazing sequel developed. The highest offer was made by Everton, and the lowest one by Rangers. Everton's offer was reported to be £7,000. It was known beforehand that Rangers were as keen as any club to get M'Phail, yet their sealed offer was less than a third of the Everton figure.

M'Phail point-blank refused to be transferred to any English club. There was only one club for him, and that was Rangers.

His decision shocked Airdrie and cost them a lot of money, but it was unalterable. M'Phail's signature closed the best bargain Rangers had made for several years.—Sunday Post.

HOME RUGBY CLUB RECORDS.

Up to And Including
November 14.

TWO TEAMS UNBEATEN.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Points
Aberavon	11	5	0	6	124 91
Aberllynny	11	0	1	4	118 61
Bath	11	7	0	4	127 90
Birkenhead Pk.	6	4	0	2	69 81
Birmingham	10	0	10	41	217
Blackheath	14	7	1	6	117 180
Bristol	9	4	0	5	108 101
Cambridge U.	9	5	0	4	152 94
Cardiff	14	8	0	6	95 78
Chatham Ser.	10	3	0	7	82 150
Coventry	14	7	0	7	116 107
Cross Keys	12	6	0	6	129 74
Devonport Ser.	12	6	0	6	129 74
Gloucester	13	9	0	4	119 98
Guy's Hoop	9	6	0	4	101 97
Harlequins	8	5	1	2	118 80
Leicester	11	7	1	3	122 74
Lensbury	8	5	0	3	90 88
Liverpool	7	2	0	5	88 78
Llanelli	14	9	2	3	150 78
L'don Scottish	8	3	0	5	98 105
L'don Welsh	9	6	1	2	140 42
Neath	15	11	1	3	182 77
Newport	14	9	1	4	143 87
Northampton	11	0	1	4	158 77
Old Alleynians	8	5	0	3	121 70
Old Blues	11	6	0	5	106 117
Old Cran.					
Leighians	1	5	0	2	138 89
Old Halley.					
Burnians	7	1	0	6	59 115
Old Leylands	8	0	0	8	80 232
Old Merchant.					
Taylor's	8	2	0	6	65 94
Old White.					
Giffians	8	7	1	0	128 62
Oxford U.	9	5	0	4	188 88
Penarth	11	5	0	6	92 98
Plymouth.					
Abdon	10	5	1	4	95 58
Pentypool	14	12	2	0	212 73
Richmond	10	5	1	4	108 82
Roslyn Park	10	8	0	7	188
St. Bartholomew's Hosp.	10	4	0	3	102 117
St. Mary's Hospital	7	3	0	4	60 125
St. Thomas's Hospital	8	5	0	3	129 41
Swansea	11	9	0	2	188 68
United Ser.	10	6	1	3	142 108
Ways	10	9	0	1	178 14
S. Africans	13	11	1	1	238 70

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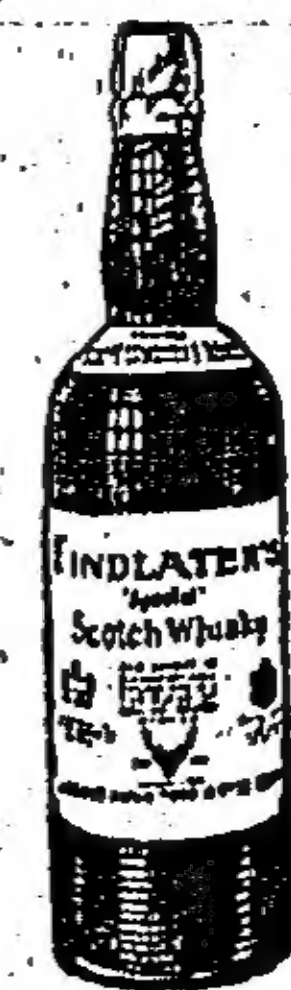
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KNEE ACTION.

When a golfer finds that his game lacks sting—when no particular shot is failing, but when no club is giving the effects that it should—he is apt to say that he isn't "connecting with the ball."

This is a malady often more easily remedied than at first seems possible.

A golfer whose skill with his masher has deserted him, or whose iron shots lack direction, or who is hooking his drives—a golfer, in fact, whose game is suffering in one marked direction—may have to look into a dozen details of grip, stance, wrist movement and pivot to find out why one shot should be failing him while the others are up to par.

Hitting Too Soon.
When the failures are evenly distributed over every club in the bag, there is usually only one answer—hitting too soon.

A tip I have given to golfers, and one that has produced immediate effect, is to set the left hip in position and keep it there. Sliced shots, and shots that are pushed out, are caused by attempting to bring in the body too soon, or, in the modern phrase, by failing to hit against the resistance of the left hip.

"Topped" shots are seldom, as in the general belief, caused by brushing the club over the top of the ball.

More often the club head gets well down below the ball and brushes up behind it, resulting in a half-hit shot to which tremendous forward spin has been added, forcing the ball down.

"Head Up."
This is caused by pulling up away from the ball, or falling back—for which the movement of the left hip may be primarily responsible, since if your left knee and left hip are set in hitting position, you can hardly draw your hands in or fall away from the ball.

"Head up" is given as the cause of many golfing errors. So it is, but if the pivot is wrong the golfer's head will be forced up by the faulty action of his shoulder. "Head up" so far from being the cause of a duffed shot, may be just as much a symptom of some other fault as the mis-hit shot itself.

Hitting the ground behind the ball may be caused by dropping the shoulder.

Occasionally a player may actually swing round as he comes down on the ball, and so hit it

directly out to the left—a fault very different from the hook of the advanced golfer, which is usually caused by "hitting from the inside out."

The Left Hip.
Most of the faults of pivoting, and of "sloppiness" in the shot, are remedied by setting the left hip in position.

I have given it as my opinion before, and I will repeat it now, that the first movement of the swing is not with the hands or the clubhead, but with the left knee. And the first movement of the left knee is not in the direction of the right knee, but in the direction of the ball. The player, to begin his swing, should bend his knee almost forward, as though he intended to lean over the ball.

While he is addressing the ball, his weight, though distributed, will be felt by a pressure on the right heel.

The movement of the left knee, shifting the weight forward a little, gives the left hip a natural start to its pivoting movement.

As the hip comes further round, the left knee takes its usual course towards the right knee.

The Weight Behind.
At the top of the swing, the weight is not nearly so completely back on the right foot as many players believe that it should be—and many professionals have taught. If anything, the weight is evenly distributed, but the best effect is that of having the weight on the right foot whilst leaning against the firm left side of the body.

The firm left side of the body, with the left hip set in position, is real base of the swing.

It is your guard against getting the body in too soon, against falling back, against swaying, "head up" and many of the other common faults that may mar the shot. —(China Mail Copyright.)

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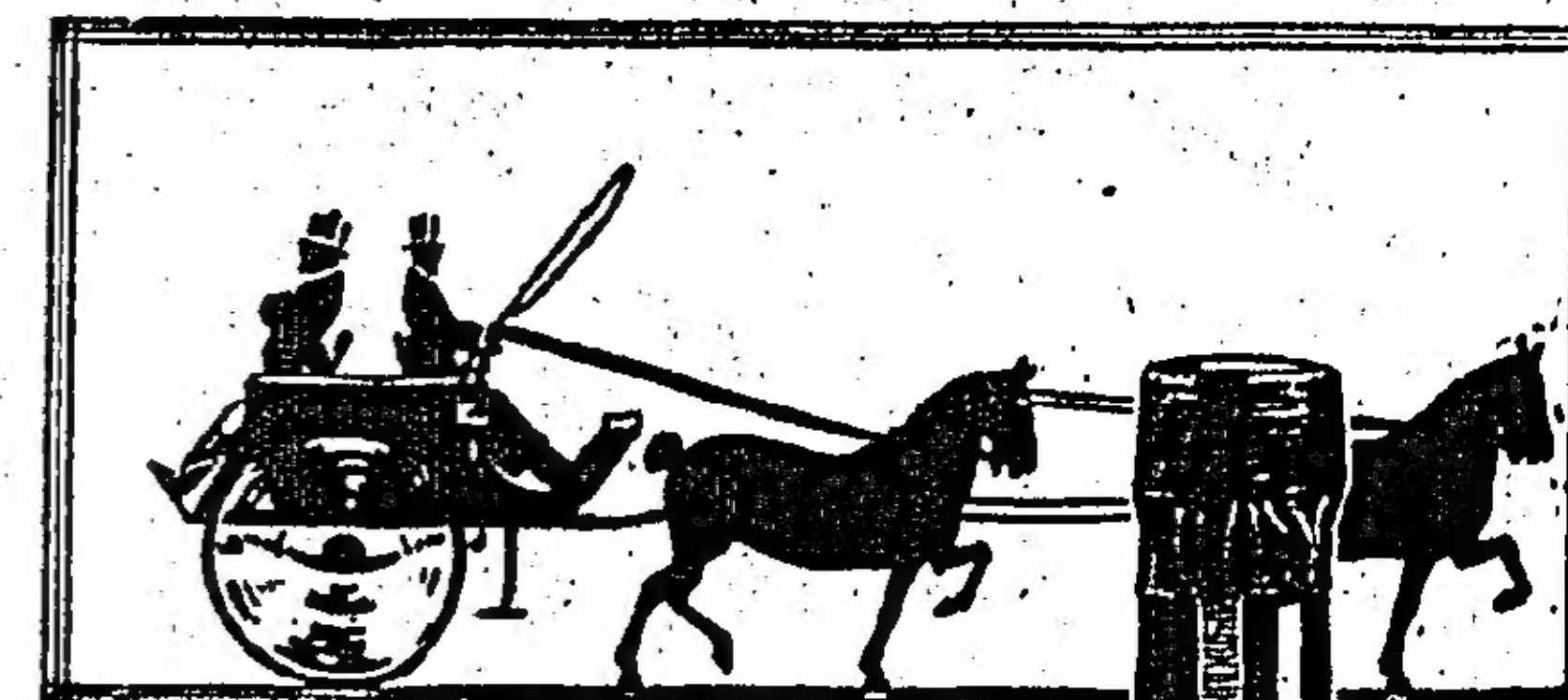
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ABORIGINE FAST BOWLER.

Seven Years' Practice
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MAY TOUR ENGLAND.

A dark-skinned bowler, whose magic with the ball sprang from his skill as a child with a boomerang, achieved the feat of getting Don Bradman out for a duck, caught at the wicket, in the Sheffield Shield match between New South Wales and Queensland.

The bowler was the much-discussed Australian aboriginal, Eddie Gilbert, who bowls "kicker" with such venom in them that some players have refused to play against him.

Allegations as to the legality of his action have been made, but slow-motion pictures, specially taken to disprove these allegations show that, except for a very slight bend of the elbow, his delivery is unquestionably orthodox.

Observers have marvelled at the tremendous pace of the pitch that this aboriginal gets from an action which is no more violent than that of a slow bowler.

It has been said that a ball bowled by him cannot be seen from the stands after it leaves the pitch. Yet he walks only a few steps to make his delivery.

Gilbert, a pure-blooded aboriginal, was born in 1908, but did not start cricket until he was fifteen.

He then found that his skill in throwing the boomerang and in killing birds and rabbits with missiles at long range could be turned to good account with the cricket ball. So he practised quietly, and it has taken him seven years to bring his bowling to the pitch he has attained today.

Australians are wondering whether this great natural cricketer will reach the climax of his career by bowling for them against England on the historic turf of Lord's. He would not be the first aboriginal to tour England, as an aboriginal team from Australia toured England sixty years ago. Four aboriginals have played in Australian first-class cricket.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL

HUNTING—To-day—Fanning Hunt Meet (Anandale) at 2.45 p.m.
GOLF—To-day and To-morrow—R.H.K.G.C. Christmas Meeting. To-morrow—Competition of 1st Round of Kowloon Golf Club Junior Championship.
FOOTBALL—To-day—Sunday Herald Cup—Wales v. Portugal on Club ground; Chinese League—Chinese Athletic "B" v. Yes Woo; South China "A" v. South China "B"; Chinese Athletic "A" v. Sung Ching.
CRICKET—To-day—Kowloon C.C. v. Navy (F.) at 11 a.m.; University v. Indian R.C. (F.) at 11 a.m.; Hong Kong C.C. v. Army (F.) at 11 a.m.; Craigengower C.C. v. Married v. Single; Indian R.C. II v. University II (F.) at 11 a.m.
SPORTS—To-morrow—Craigengower C.C. Children's Sports.

SCOTLAND DEFEAT ENGLAND.

Sunday Herald
Cup.

The first match in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition yesterday resulted:—
England 2
Scotland 3

WARWICKSHIRE'S NEW CAPTAIN.

G. D. Kemp Welch May
Accept Offer.

There is a possibility of G. D. Kemp-Welch, the Cambridge double blue and Corinthian footballer, being offered the captaincy of the Warwickshire county cricket team next season, in succession to R. E. S. Wyatt. Kemp-Welch, who captained Cambridge University last season, has been already spoken of as a future leader of England.

He is one of the most brilliant of England's younger cricketers. He played for the Gentlemen against the Players this year when his final batting average was 37.16 for 43 innings. Nothing can be definitely settled, of course, until the annual general meeting of the Warwickshire club.

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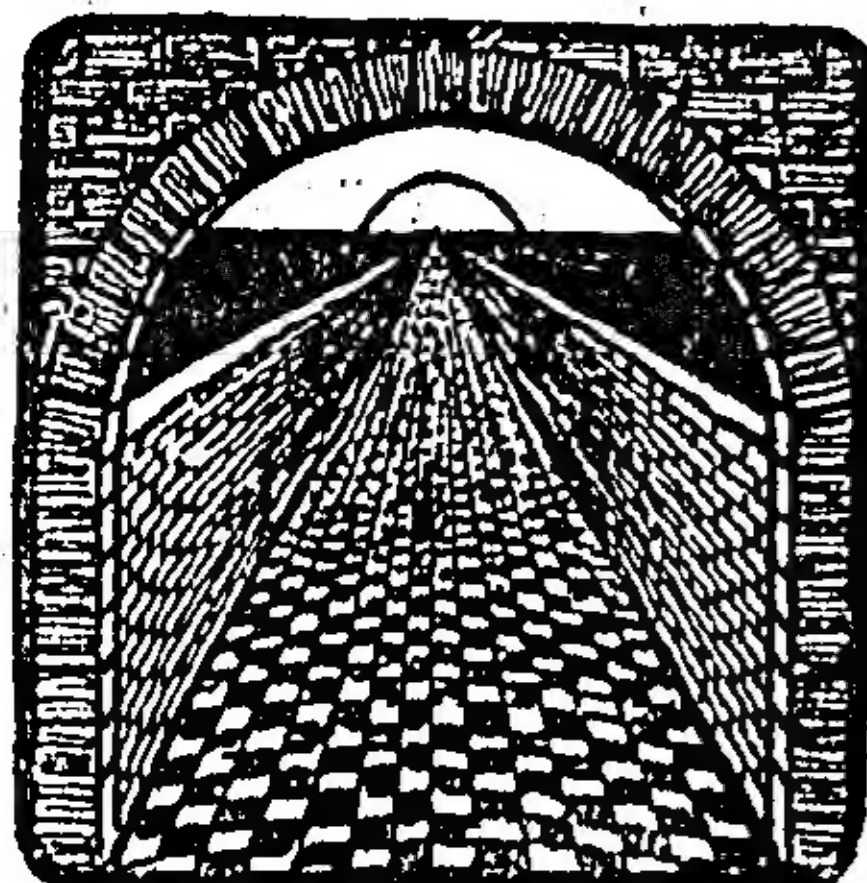
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1931.

Laughter.

"I cannot say whether we had more wit amongst us now than usual, but I am certain we had more laughing, which answered the end as well."

So is it written in Goldsmith's "The Vicar of Wakefield." So also may many of us to-day write in similar strain. There has been, and there is yet, much laughter in the Colony: And how good a thing it has been to hear! The laughter of children, of young men and women, of old men and old women, have been heard in all parts of the Island Colony. And, surely, we are the better for it all. And, in spite of that satirist, William Congreve, who has told us that, "There is nothing more unbecoming a man of quality than to laugh," let us not cease to laugh with the passing of this joyful season. Let us carry laughter along into the year ahead; let us laugh our several ways through life. It will help us to whether any depressing days that may be in store. Let us laugh and be not of the quality. Let us be Dr. Jeddiers and look upon the world as a "great practical joke, something too absurd to be considered seriously by any rational man." Let us even emulate the "Laughing Philosopher," Democritus, who is said to have laughed or jeered at the feeble powers of man so wholly in the hands of fate, that nothing he did or said was uncontrolled.

The world is genuinely eager to smile, and from a smile, to break into laughter. There is something pathetic about this genuine eagerness to which, for some reason or another, we do not permit ourselves to give free rein. "Ever see a crowd of people trying desperately to laugh at a

street scene that wasn't funny at all, or smiling over comic strips that depicted some form of human discomfort?" asks a writer. And adds, "Look at the way they jani outside the moving-picture theatres if somebody like Harold Lloyd or Charlie Chaplin happened to be the attraction! They stand in line almost as if they had brought with them under their overcoats, or in their handbags, little bundles of laughter which they were pathetically eager to offer up. One little tickle from a back-wind kick of Chaplin, or the owliness of Lloyd, and they pour the precious fluid of laughter at the feet of their comedians."

Yes, there is a genuine desire for laughter and yet more laughter, but we will not laugh; at any rate, we do not laugh as much as we ought to laugh. Let us laugh—a laugh a day to keep the doctor away. Let us laugh that the world may laugh with us. Let us "Laugh with a vast and inextinguishable laughter," as Shelley advised.

"You hear that boy laughing?—You think he's all fun; But the angels laugh, too, at the good he has done; The children laugh loud as they troop at his call; And the poor man that knows him laughs loudest of all."

Now is the season for resolutions. What about a resolution to laugh at least once a day in the New Year?

From Other Pens.

Wilde's Viva.

One of the best Oxford stories of the Viva for "Divers," now about to be abolished, used to be told of Oscar Wilde, when an undergraduate at Magdalen. He was asked to take a Greek Testament and translate the passage in the Acts dealing with St. Paul's shipwreck.

Wilde sailed along fluently enough, though with sufficient hesitation to create some suspicion of previous unfamiliarity with the text. After a few verses the examiner stopped him with the remark, "Thank you, Mr. Wilde; that will do."

"I beg your pardon," said Wilde, politely, "while I glance at the end of the chapter? I am so curious to know whether the good man escaped."

Another rather shorter experience of the same Viva happened to a friend of mine.

The examiner placed the tip of his fingers together and said blandly: "Can you tell us anything about the Parable of the Sower?"

My friend could, and began with alacrity: "A Sower went forth—'Thank you,' beamed the examiner. 'We, too, know the rest.'—Peterborough in The Daily Telegraph.

Lotteries and Employment.

The Irish sweepstakes have been far-reaching in this economic effect. Not only have they enabled the Irish people to, re-acquire their hospitals, thus providing employment for doctors, nurses, builders, and manufacturers of surgical instruments. They have also been responsible for the creation of a sweepstake secretariat, which is as large as a Government Department and which presumably will be permanent. They have also been responsible for the withdrawal of several millions of English money out of this country for the benefit of Irish trade and Irish institutions. This, too, at a time when our own hospitals are hardly able to keep their heads above water and when even our children's hospitals are shrieking for money.

Truly, in our inconsistencies we are a wonderful nation.—Londoner in The Evening Standard.

How Rumour Works.

Behind the publication of an authorised history of the Bank of England lies a piquant little story illustrative of the grip Mr. Montagu Norman has on the public imagination.

Some days ago the whisper went round that Mr. Norman had written a volume of reminiscences—it was frank, it was sensational; the "mystery man" of finance had told all.

I made inquiries in the right quarter, therefore, and discovered that all he had done was to write a 200-word introduction to the new history of the Bank. Rumour, "passing it down," quickly accomplished the rest!—Peterborough in The Daily Telegraph.

News in Brief.

Yesterday's lowest open air temperature was 55 degrees up to 4 p.m. The humidity rose from 53 at 10 a.m. to 64 at 4 p.m.

New scales of charges for radiological, bacteriological, and analytical examinations are published in the Government Gazette.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor in Council has appointed Saturday, January 2, to be observed as a general holiday.

Mr. S. Randall, living at 86 Nathan Road, top floor, has reported to the Police the loss of clothing, worth \$100, from his house. The theft is believed to have occurred on Christmas Eve.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donation to the funds of the Home:—H.M.S. Cumberland (Ship's fund), \$100.

Whilst engaged in limewashing at 58 Pokfulam Road, Ho Hin, (60), of Yu Lok Lane, had the misfortune to fall from a height of 25 feet. He fractured his right thigh, and cut his head. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Miss Tarrant, residing at Repulse Bay Hotel, reports that at about 2.40 a.m. on Christmas Day, while travelling in a motor boat belonging to the George Byns Motor Boat Co., she lost a brown leather handbag containing a \$50 bond for the Sincere Co., \$40 in Hong Kong currency, and a rosary. The latter is of great intrinsic value to the owner.

Personal Par.

It is notified that Mr. Philip Jacks resumed duty as Land Officer on December 19.

RIDDLES.

Why are so few horses needed in the Isle of Wight?
Because visitors prefer Cowes to Ryde.
Where should the E's in "Persevere" live?
In Ceylon, because they are Cingaloes (single E's).
Why is a clever architect like a popular actor?
Because he draws good houses.
What precious stone is found in most English fields?
Agate (a gate).

THAT LAST - MOMENT SHOPPING!

A REMINDER OF LAST THURSDAY IN THE COLONY.

It was Christmas Eve, and Janice, with a bright smile, but a weary sigh, threw herself into a chair and begged for a chola pig.

"Everything's ready," she said, as her husband handed her the needed beverage.

"And all my money spent, I suppose," said Jim gloomily.
"No, darling. I've managed beautifully this year. Cheer up, and don't be a wet blanket. Everybody has been remembered and I've only spent the money we budgeted for presents."

"That's splendid," said Jim, brightening up and helping himself to another pig. For five minutes it was, and then, "Oh!" from Janice.

"What's the matter?" said Jim.
"I've just remembered the Lector's baby. You know, they sent Moira a lovely Teddy-bear last year and we forgot their baby completely."

"Well," said Jim stoically. "I suppose you want me to get out the car?"

"Yes please, darling. We'll just go and get that and then we can have a nice, comfy evening by the fire."

They drove to a store where Janice spent a considerable time making up her mind whether she preferred a pink elephant or a blue rabbit.

"What's the price?" said Jim.
"The elephant is six dollars, and the rabbit four."

"Then take the rabbit," said Jim with admirable promptitude. "It's a scandalous price anyway."

"But the elephant is such a nice pink," sighed Janice.

"It'll be black in a week's time," comforted Jim.

"All right, I'll take the rabbit. Oh! Jim, look at that lovely doll. Moira would love that."

"But haven't you got her a doll's coat?"

"Yes, but she'd love that new doll

to put in it. Let's buy it and call it Baby's present to her."

"How much?" groaned Jim.
"Twelve dollars," said the assistant.

"How cheap!" exclaimed Janice.

"Is it?" said Bill, as he fumbled for the money and decided to sign a chit.

"What delightful hankies," cried Janice, darting, happily towards another counter, followed with alacrity by the assistant and slow motion by Jim.

"Darling, I do want some hankies. Give me some for a Christmas-box," pleaded Janice.

"Is there any difference between a Christmas-box and a Christmas present?" demanded Jim. "I thought the new evening dress was my Christmas present to you?"

"Well these can be from the children," smiled Janice.

"How much?" said Bill, and signed again.

"That is twenty-six dollars over the budget," he remarked.

Janice wasn't listening. She had made another discovery.

"Look, Jim darling," she cried. "There is just the very thing for you—a silk dressing-gown! How much is it?"

"Forty dollars, madam."

"Darling, it is cheap," cried the affectionate wife. "I'll give it to you for Christmas," she added generously, but Jim caught her firmly by the arm and piloted her back to the car. "No you don't," he said grimly. "I can't afford it."

Janice still smiled happily. "Christmas comes but once a year," she said.

"That's no reason why we should spend all the money we haven't got," reminded Jim.

The cosy evening had gone, much money had gone, and most of the whisky.

"And people wonder why men take to drink," said Jim as he emptied the decanter.—B.O.

AT THE AQUARIUM.
Stranger Interesting Creatures.

MANY NEW EXHIBITS.

Those who have been to the Aquarium only once and think that they have seen everything are very much mistaken, for the Aquarium is constantly changing its exhibits, and has so many strange and interesting creatures held in reserve that it is safe to say that with changes of two or three exhibits per week, it would still be possible to have something new for months to come.

The very latest exhibits at the Aquarium are two very playful black bear cubs which arrived at 11.30 p.m. on Wednesday. They are now housed in the enclosure formerly occupied by the leopard cub. These two, Teddies, which are only eight months old, came from the interior about 25 miles beyond Wuchow, and with their pranks they rival the monkeys as the centre of attraction.

Poisonous Sea Snake.
Other recent new exhibits are a blue Kingfisher; a poisonous sea snake which only eats fish, which have no swimming bladder; bamboo snakes, two large, and two small, pythons, one of the large ones being as much as eight yards long; a large radiata turtle, a native of Madagascar.

To-day's Thought.

The only argument some people advance for wanting more is that others are getting more than their share.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of December 26, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2 7/8.

The collections at St. John's Cathedral on Christmas Day were on behalf of the fund for the new Diocesan Boys' School. The Appeal Committee have already received or have been promised a sum of \$39,000 for buildings and \$11,000 for endowment. In addition certain business houses are giving annual donations toward the new school instead of large capital sums.

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TRANSATLANTIC

Exciting story of life on an ocean liner
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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

In the four days that have elapsed on the crossing of the Transatlantic Monty Greer, debonair gambler, has clashed with Handsome and his gang, because he suspects they are trying to rob Henry Graham, banker, of a large amount of securities.

In a tense encounter—Monty has been found in the stateroom of Sigrid Carlisle, Graham's mistress, and Graham casts her aside.

News came that Graham's bank has failed, and Rudolph Kramer, whose life savings are at stake, has been found by Monty in Graham's room with a gun. Graham lies slumped over his desk.

In a swift effort to protect Kramer because he sympathizes with him and his daughter, Judy, Monty pushes Kramer out and puts the gun in Graham's hand to make it appear a suicide attempt. He encounters Sigrid in a corridor. She tells the Captain.

After an investigation the Captain confines Kramer and Monty in the brig. A friendly steward gets a key to Monty. He forces information from a member of Handsome's gang, and, while searching for the securities that have been stolen from Graham, has a shooting encounter in the engine room.

Chapter VI.

Monty could not have been unconscious more than a fraction of a minute, for when he came to himself Handsome was still moving down the levels toward him.

He threw off his nervous paralysis with a strong will effort and then, standing himself against a rung of the iron ladder close to him, took a steady and exact aim at Handsome. Then he fired.

Handsome toppled to the platform and lay there motionless, his weapon slipping from his grasp. He was still some distance above Monty. The latter soon reached Handsome, taking the precaution when he stepped to the platform upon which Handsome lay to keep the gang leader covered with his automatic. But Handsome's eyes were closed and he was breathing heavily.

Monty seized the gangster in his arms and lifted him. He realised in a moment that this platform upon which they were was the level at which he had left the electric elevator. He placed Handsome on the elevator's floor.

At this moment some of the engineering force which had taken up the pursuit again now that the shooting appeared to be over reached the platform. One man in overalls attempted to seize Monty, but the latter was too quick for him. Monty eluded the clutch of the man in overalls though the engineer half dragged Monty from the elevator. The engineer Monty sent backward on the platform, with a strong push. Then he ran into the elevator, slammed the shaft door and started upward.

On the way up Handsome moaned and a moment later regained consciousness. Monty lifted the gangster's head from the floor and half supported his body.

"You win, Monty. Let me alone," gasped the wounded man. He appeared to Monty to be shot in the chest.

"Ah, you can still talk, can you?" said Monty.

"Yeah, I can talk." "Then—you'll talk plenty. You are in a bad way. You'll tell that you shot Graham. You'll tell that you robbed his cabin. You'll tell where you've got that stuff hidden."

"I'll tell everything." "You're right—you'll tell everything. You won't leave out a single little thing."

In spite of the hour, Captain Courtney was holding a formal investigation into the escape of Monty from the brig. He had Kramer in for questioning but the latter professed to know nothing, or rather, to be exact, he refused to answer questions. But Robinson, who had once been a detective before becoming a petty officer aboard the Transatlantic, made a minute examination of the interior of the brig. He even used a magnifying glass to the amusement of members of the crew who were present.

It was only when he laid down his magnifying glass that he perceived the obnoxious. A raspberry pie lay on a stool. It had not been eaten, only a hole broken in its upper

crust. Put in both the bottom crust and the top were the sunken outlines of a key which plainly had been in the pie.

Thereupon the angry Captain summoned Hodgkins, who had taken meals to the two prisoners.

"What do you mean by this?" demanded the captain.

Hodgkins professed the greatest innocence and made the Captain explain twice, before he admitted he grasped the situation. Then he grinned.

"Oh, my eye—accused by a pie," he chanted.

The laugh which greeted this sally, in spite of the gravity of both the Captain and the situation, had scarcely died out, when Monty, bearing in his arms the wounded Handsome, staggered into the room but moving as rapidly as possible.

Handsome he deposited on the floor before the captain.

"Here's the man you want, Captain," explained Monty. "He's badly wounded and he's going to die."

So he wants to make a full and complete confession before he cackles in."

The Captain bent over Handsome, who had now been placed on a sofa. Close at hand were the stenographer, the notary, Kramer, Monty and other witnesses.

"Now, my man, what is it?" the Captain said gently to the gangster.

The other took as long a breath as his condition would permit and then said in gasping, jerky fashion:

"I robbed Graham of securities and cash. We thought that he was playing cards—bridge—but he returned when we were working in his cabin. I was startled—and I shot him. All that stuff in the engineering storage room—there are three packages, large ones, of securities and one of big bank notes. I haven't touched any of it yet. It is in the—store room—back of some cases—labelled 'main steam chest packing.' You'll find it all there—that is all."

Monty and Kramer, of course, were not required to return to the brig, though the Captain informed Monty that he would have to remain aboard until the authorities ashore

had taken some formal action over his shooting of Handsome. In all probability he would not be detained long, but his arm would have to be allowed to heal, no that the surgeon had cared for it, and Monty would be the better for a rest. The Captain made it clear that Monty was to be treated with every consideration.

In the ship's hospital as the Transatlantic approached her European port Graham lay at rest. Beside him was Mrs. Graham.

Graham turned upon his side and raised his eyes to his wife's face.

"Dear! I have been a wretched fool—and weak—weak," he began.

"Do not distress yourself, dear," said his wife.

"But I have been a fool and a weak, miserable one." You see, when a man who starts with nothing or little gets money and power, if he is weak and silly it goes to his head. People flatter him for their own ends and it affects him. Give me just another chance, dear."

"Of course, dear."

"I am going to return home as soon as I can travel and take back those securities and that money. It really belongs to me—it is what is left of my private fortune. I did not steal it from the bank, but I feel now that it belongs to the depositors who, in trusting my bank, really trusted me. So I shall give it all to them."

A little later Mrs. Graham encountered Judy on the deck.

"Why, Miss Kramer, I was just going to your cabin to see you," said the banker's wife.

"How is Mr. Graham?" Judy inquired.

"He is doing splendidly. He is going to pull through. And then we are going home and do what we can for the depositors."

"That is splendid!"

"And here, Miss Kramer, is a letter with an order on our London bankers. They will take care of you for the present."

"Thank you, that is good of you."

"Thank you, that is good of you."

"And you may be sure that your savings will not be lost."

"You are a splendid woman."

The ship had docked and the passengers were hurrying ashore gladly. Monty stood in the doorway of the Captain's office with Mrs. Graham when two of the male passengers went by, hurrying to go ashore.

"Horribly dull voyage, don't you think so?" came from one man.

"Stupid!" said the other in hearty agreement.

The eyes of Mrs. Graham and Monty met. They smiled.

"If they only knew!" she commented. Then she looked at his bandaged arm. "Well, I came to say good-bye. My husband has already gone to a private hospital in an ambulance. I am going to join him. I hope your arm is not troubling you."

"Not at all," said Monty, not realising that she must know how he had acquired his wound. It is nothing. I merely ran into an iron rod last night. Just a flesh wound. I'm afraid I shall have to remain on-board until it heals—annoying but necessary."

"Why did you concern yourself about us? Through you we have become very happy."

"Do you remember Havana five years ago?"

"You were very kind."

"And you were very gracious."

A little later Kramer and Judy came to see him in the Captain's office.

"Good-bye, sir," said Kramer. "I wish I could thank you."

"Don't you try," said Greer, "and don't worry about me. In a couple of days this wing of mine will be as good as new."

"Judy wanted to say good-bye to you," said Kramer, leaving the cabin as the girl came close to Greer.

"Well, Judy, the voyage is over."

"Yes," said the young girl, simply, wistfully.

"And now it's London, Paris, Berlin. What a wonderful adventure you have ahead of you," he went on cheerfully as though Judy were only a pleasant acquaintance.

There was a little pause and then the girl exclaimed:

"Oh, I wish you were coming along!"

Greer spoke sadly, but with mournful finality. He said:

"So do I. I'd love to see the world all over again through your eyes, but I'm afraid it's too late. Good-bye, Judy, dear."

"Good-bye."

Judy was through the door and out of sight in a moment but she turned back, came fully into the room and went close to Greer.

"You're the most wonderful man I've ever known," she said softly.

Then both her arms were about his neck. She kissed him full upon the lips. They clung together for a moment, and then Judy was gone.

A little later Hodgkins came into the cabin to find Monty staring.

(Continued in next column.)

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant. Carnival Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, Peninsula and Republic Bay Hotels.

January 6—St. George's Society's Dance, Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "The Girl Habit."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Sporting Blood."

To-day—Central Theatre: "Queen High."

To-day—Majestic Theatre: "Cohens and Kellys in Africa."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Call of the Flesh."

Home Malls.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via ayez (Malacca Maru).

Lammerts' Auction. Wednesday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

January 12-14—Royal Sanitary Institute (Hong Kong Centre) examinations in Sanitary Science, and for Sanitary Inspectors.

January 2—St. Stephen's College, new school year begins.

ROUND THE LOCAL CINEMAS.

Reviews from Official Sources.

"DAWN PATROL."

Lieutenant Rudolph Schind, German wartime ace, acted as technical advisor on "The Dawn Patrol," the first National Vitaphone production starring Richard Barthelmess, which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

This production, concerning the adventures of a group of British flyers who fought the Germans against tremendous odds offers many opportunities for the use of Lt. Schind's knowledge of war conditions among flyers.

The cast includes Douglas Fairbanks, Jun., Neil Hamilton, Gardner James, Clyde Cook, William Janney, Edmund Breon, and James Finlayson.

"SPORTING BLOOD."

In spite of California laws against race track gambling a complete outfit of pari-mutuel betting machines was installed and operated for six days without any interference of the law.

However, it was only for a motion picture.

A complete betting enclosure under a race track, with the mutual system, in full operation, was used in one of the big scenes in "Sporting Blood," playing finally at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

THE TOYS AT BEDTIME.

All children love putting their toys to bed—is it a way of getting their own back—and will therefore welcome woolly animals planned with this idea. Little woolly rabbits are being made with miniature, round dog baskets for them to "sleep" in. Mother rabbits with young ones have a green, wooden rabbit hutch with the requisite wire netting front; a number of lambs, including a "black sheep," have a fascinating hut on wheels to be drawn about, made like those of the country road worker. A most attractive dogkey, who kneels down to go to bed, shares with her baby a stable built of basket-work.

modily before him into vacancy. "Is there anything I can get you, sir?" asked the steward.

Monty turned toward the salty philosopher.

"Isn't it wonderful, Hodgkins?" he said.

"What's that, sir?"

"To find a woman who sees us as we might have been—not as we really are!"

"Women are like that, sir. God bless 'em! I often say to Mrs. Hodgkins—"

But Monty interrupted him.

"I know, I know, Hodgkins," he said. "A ship is like a little world. You have the rough weather and the calm—the quiet seas—the sudden squalls—and the man who takes the bitter with the sweet is bound to have a happy crossing in the end."

"Right, sir," said Hodgkins.

"Right you are."

"Right, sir?"

"Uh-huh," concluded Monty.

(THE END.)

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pany." Thus, today, the fruit of the pact of 1886 is still being well established and making splendid progress with substantial assistance from government sources, should give consideration to its employees' welfare as well as to its own.

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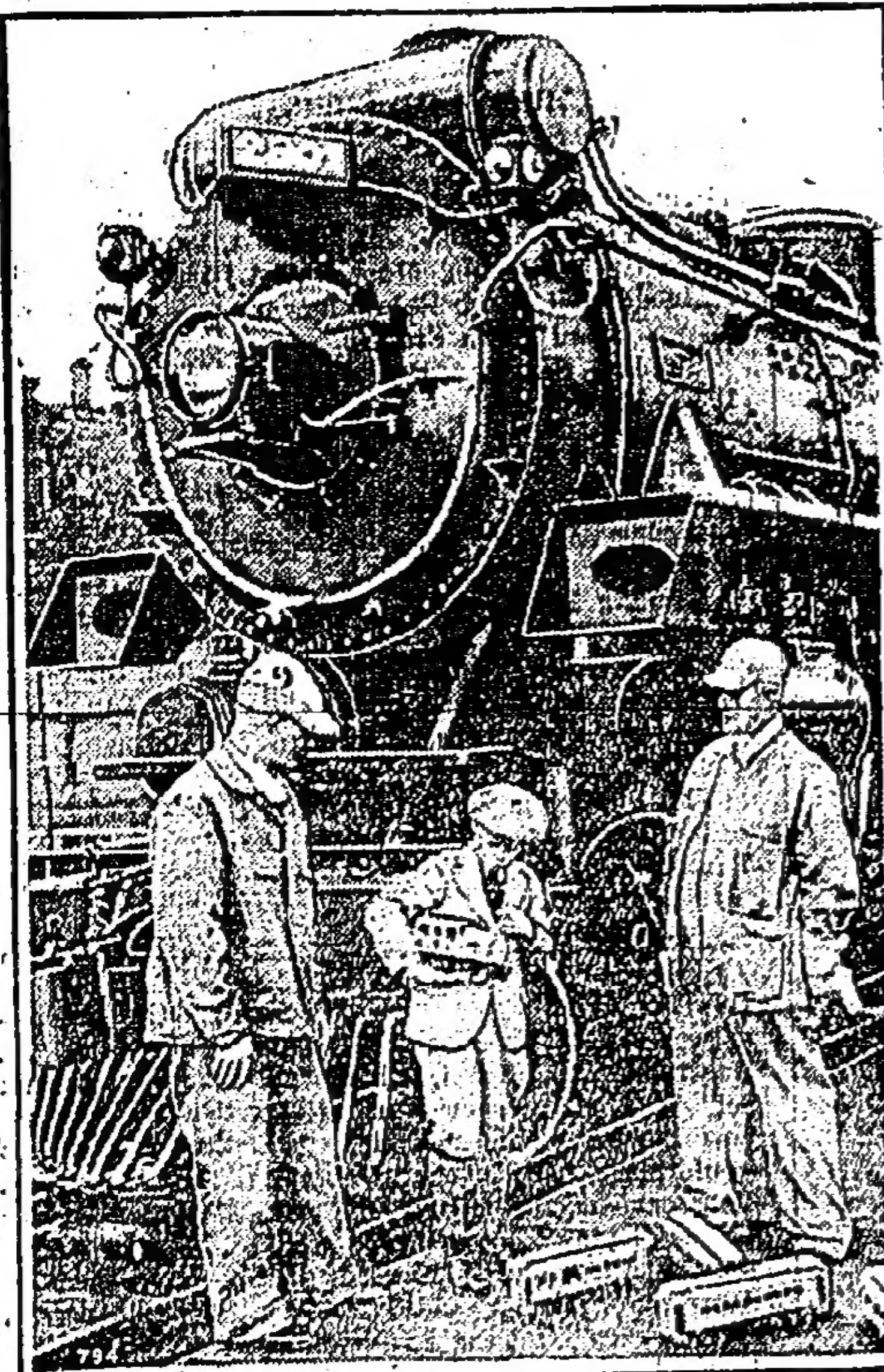
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C. C. CLARKE, Manager.
Hong Kong, December 24, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—
Wolfe, St. Francis Hotel, from Shanghai.
Captain Hsin Ping-an, care of Wallum, from Shanghai.
Devos, Repulse Bay Hotel, from Tientsin.
F. V. JENSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, December 23, 1931.

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First Race at 1.30 p.m.
Admission:—
To Members Enclosure \$1.00.
To Public Enclosure 40 cents.

MEMBERS MUST SHOW their badges to gain admittance. Members can obtain 2 ladies' badges free on application to the Secretary.
Tickets can be procured at the Race Course at \$1.50.
Please refer to advertisement re Race Steamers.

GENERAL NOTICES.
ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR begins January 2. Examination for New Students, THURSDAY, December 31, at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus, for Boarders and Day-Boys, apply Mr. LI HOI-FUNG, Banker & Co., 20, Des Voeux Road, C., or to ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 4th December, 1931.

NOTICE.
All Firms, Associations, Clubs, etc., who have not yet sent in the particulars of their concerns for the 1932 issue of the Hong Kong Dollar Directory are requested to forward the necessary information to the publishers without delay.

THE HONG KONG DOLLAR DIRECTORY CO.,
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CHURCHES
A CHARGE OF ONE DOLLAR IS MADE FOR ALL NOTICES UNDER THIS HEADING

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.
December 27, Patronal Festival, St. John the Evangelist's Day, Sunday After Christmas.
Holy Communion, 7 a.m.
Choral Eucharist, 8 a.m.
Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.
Children's Service, 10 a.m.
Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.
Preacher: The Dean.
Evangelism, 12.15 p.m.
Evening, 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
Social Evening in Cathedral Hall after Evensong.
December 28, The Innocents' Day.
7.45 a.m., Holy Communion.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, WANCHAI.
Opposite Royal Naval Hospital, Queen's Road E.

Sunday, December 27, 1931.
Morning Service, 10.15 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Preacher at both Services: Rev. E. C. H. Tribbeck.
At the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home.
Every Sunday at 3 p.m.—Bible Class.
Every Sunday at 8.15 p.m.—Service Men's Hour.
Boxing Day, December 26, 1931.
Special Christmas Party for Service Men, 7 p.m.
Tuesday at 8 p.m.—Fellowship Hour.
Thursday, December 31, at 11 p.m.—Watchnight Service in the Sailors' & Soldiers' Home.
All are welcome.

UNION CHURCH.
Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

Sunday, December 27, 1931.
Choir Sunday.
Morning Service at 11 a.m.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.
Special Music at both Services.
Morning, Preacher: Rev. E. G. Powell.
Soloists: Mrs. F. C. E. Rendall and Mrs. G. McLeod.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.
Choral Service from Handel's Messiah.
Soloists: Mrs. Bowen-Smith; Mrs. H. L. Lockhart, Mr. H. Anniss, and Mr. H. Bailey.
Social Hour after Evening Service.
Community Singing conducted by Dr. L. T. Ride.
Sunday Schools: Kennedy Road, 10 a.m.; Talkoo, 2.45 p.m.

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Subject:—"Christian Science."
The Sunday School is held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 6 o'clock.
Reading Room at above address, open:—
Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 12 Noon.
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In countries like Germany, Australia, and Spain, where "fulbol" is a picturesque word, soccer now has a public following that would make many of our big League clubs envious. Similarly, the game is developing enormously across the Atlantic, and in some of the American and Canadian cities threatens to rival the popularity of baseball. Even when I was in Chicago three years ago, they were playing soccer—and playing it well. British clubs of the calibre of Glasgow Rangers, Arsenal, Sheffield Wednesday, and Everton might not consider a prize of 25,000 a great inducement, but a world title might capture the imagination.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE									
Opening Daily Official Quotations, Dec. 24, 1931.									
STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Open	Close	High	Low	Prev. Close	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.									
Hong Kong Bank	1500	1480	Dec.	Interim 31st 1/4-1931	Aug. 10, 31				
Chartered Bank	101	Dec.	Int. 7% 1st 1/2-1931	Sep. 31					
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	17 1/2	Dec.	Int. 7% 1st 1/2-1931	Sep. 31					
Bank of Asia	135	Dec.	Int. 7% 1st 1/2-1931	Sep. 31					
Insurance.									
Canton Ins.	1450	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	May 10, 31					
Union Ins.	429	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	May 10, 31					
China Underwriters	4.00	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	May 10, 31					
China Fire Ins.	650	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	May 10, 31					
H. K. Fire Ins.	1450	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	May 10, 31					
Shipping.									
Douglas	25	Dec.	Last dividend for 1931	Mar. 4, 32					
H. K. Steamboat	24	Dec.	(Int. 7% 1st 1/2-1931)	June 10, 31					
Indo-China (Prel.)	35	Dec.	(Int. 7% 1st 1/2-1931)	June 10, 31					
(Def.)	35	Dec.	(Int. 7% 1st 1/2-1931)	June 10, 31					
Shells Steamer	34 1/4	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	July 6, 31					
Union Waterboats	34	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 31, 31					
Mining.									
Scopex	10 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Kailash Mining Ad.	27 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Langkai (Single)	4.95	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Shui Kwan	2.70	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Loans	2 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Raupe	40	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Venezuela Gold Fields	2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Dec. 10, 31					
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.									
H. K. & W. Wharves	153	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
H. K. & W. Docks	30	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
Southern China (A)	10	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
(B)	12	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
China Provident (old)	5.80	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
(new)	2.35	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
Hongkong	225	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
N. Engineering	6 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
Shanghai Docks	35	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Mar. 10, 31					
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.									
H. K. & S. Hs. (old)	16.30	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	14 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
H. K. Lands	81	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Shanghai Lands	80	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Humphreys (old)	12	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	17 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
H. K. Realities	11.70	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Chinese Estates	95	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cotton	15.40	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Shanghai Cotton	82	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Zooey Sing	19	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Public Utilities.									
H. K. Tramways	21 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Peak Tram (old)	16 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	7 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Star Ferry	26 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Yau Ma Tei Ferry	26	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
China Light	27 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
H. K. Electric	77 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Macao	23	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Sandakan Lights	12	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
H. K. Tel. fully paid	48	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(part paid)	29	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
China Race	17.00	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
S'port Vaccines (Ord.)	1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(Prel.)	19 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Industrials.									
China Sugars	200 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Malayan Sugars	89	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Calds Macg. Ord.	14	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
" Pref.	10 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Canton Ice	6 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Cements (com.)	10.90	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(old)	12 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	6	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
H. K. Ropes	18	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Stores, &c.									
Dairy Farms	28 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Watsons	15	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Der A Wings	1	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Lane Crawford (old)	6.60	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	4.10	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
H. K. Ropes	19	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Der A Wings	16 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Powells	3.60	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Collateral.									
Amusement	19.90	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Entertainment (old)	17 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	16	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Enterprises	10	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Trucks (old)	1.55	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
(new)	1.00	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
G. & S. Bonds	32 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					
Govt. Loans	24 1/2	Dec.	(Final 30th 1/2-1931)	Apr. 10, 31					

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S.S. GANGE (passenger boat)	Jan. 31	Feb. 10
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LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 26th December.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 9th January.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 23rd January.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
TOKIWA MARU	Sunday, 27th December.
TANGO MARU	Monday, 11th January.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Sunday, 14th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stambul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	
DURBAN MARU	Friday, 15th January.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 29th December.
HAKODATE MARU	Wednesday, 6th January.
SHANGHAI KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
MALACCA MARU (Mojil direct)	Monday, 28th December.
TOKUSHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 30th December.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	La Plata Maru	Wed., 30th Dec.
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Africa Maru	Tues., 5th Jan.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Brisbane Maru	Tues., 5th Jan.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	Paris Maru	Fri., 8th Jan.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Kinal Maru	Sat., 2nd Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Havre Maru	Tues., 29th Dec.
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Colombo.	Hague Maru	Sat., 2nd Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Hamburg Maru	Thurs., 31st Dec.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow.	Menado Maru	Thurs., 7th Jan.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Hozan Maru	Sun., 27th Dec.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canton Maru	Sun., 3rd Jan.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canada Maru	Fri., 8th Jan.
	Deli Maru	Thurs., 31st Dec.

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Shipping Intelligence.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, December 22.
Kaitangata, British str., 1,202 tons,
Capt. Thomson, from Samarinda,
buoy No. B26.—Williamson & Co.
Kwolyang, British str., 1,530 tons,
Capt. A. Cook, from Holhow,
buoy No. B14.—B. & S.
Terukuni Maru, Japanese str., 7,156
tons, Capt. S. Oya, from
Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—
N.Y.K.

Tjinegara, Dutch str., 5,783 tons,
Capt. P. Welde, from Tg. Pandan,
buoy No. A1.—J.C.J.L.
Wednesday, December 23.
Borneo, British str., 1,297 tons,
Capt. R. A. Prichard, from
Pakhoi, buoy No. C3.—Shun
Tai & Co.

Dikera, British str., 1,674 tons,
Capt. Young, from Singapore,
Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.
Fenk Lee, Chinese str., 1,206 tons,
Capt. Yamaji, from Canton,
buoy No. B9.—Loong Tai Hong.

Hanyang, British str., 1,297 tons,
Capt. C. Harris-Walker, from
Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.
Hozan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383
tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from
Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons,
Capt. P. W. Grieson, from
Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—
Chiu On & Co.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons,
Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Swatow,
buoy No. B3.—B. & S.
Porthos, French str., 7,530 tons,
Capt. Cerisola, from Shanghai,
buoy No. A2.—M. M. & Co.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377
tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from
Canton, Kowloon Dock.—K.
Larsen & Co.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons,
Capt. S. M. Barling, from Swatow,
buoy No. B20.—B. & S.
Thelma, Norwegian str., 3,428 tons,
Capt. B. Haugland, from Miri,
North Point.—A.P.C.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons,
Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton,
buoy No. B15.—B. & S.
Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons,
Capt. Blitz, from Singapore,
buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, Dec. 23.
Akibasan Maru, for Miki.
Antenor, for Singapore.
Canton, for Haiphong.
Dikera, for Shanghai.
Feng Lee, for Dairen.
Glenbeg, for Singapore.
Glengarry, for Shanghai.
Halvard, for Saigon.
Hanyang, for Shanghai.
Harunasan Maru, for Hongay.
Himalaya Maru, for Shanghai.
Kaitangata, for Canton.
Planorbia, for Singapore.
Porthos, for Saigon.
Prosper, for Saigon.
Sandviken, for Swatow.
Seistan, for Singapore.
Shinyo Maru, for Shanghai.
Szechuen, for Canton.
Terukuni Maru, for Shanghai.
Thelma, for Amoy.
Tjileboet, for Batavia.
Tsinan, for Amoy.
Van Heutz, for Swatow.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The s.s. Cracovia sailed from
Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon,
and was due here this morning.
She will sail for Singapore
and Italy at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

The m.v. Col di Lana sailed
from Bombay on December 21, and
is expected here on January 11.
The s.s. Pilsna sailed from Aden
on December 22, and is expected
here on January 12.

The B.L. s.s. Tilawa will leave
Amoy for this port on December
25, p.m., and is due here on December
27, p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of
Japan is due here from Manila
at 6 a.m. on December 30
(Wednesday), and will berth
at Kowloon Wharf. She will
leave here for Victoria and
Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai,
Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on
January 2 (Saturday).

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo ex s.s.
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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships
were in harbour to-day:—

Bruce—South wall.
Cornflower—West wall.
Cornwall—No. 6 buoy.
Cumberland—No. 3 buoy.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
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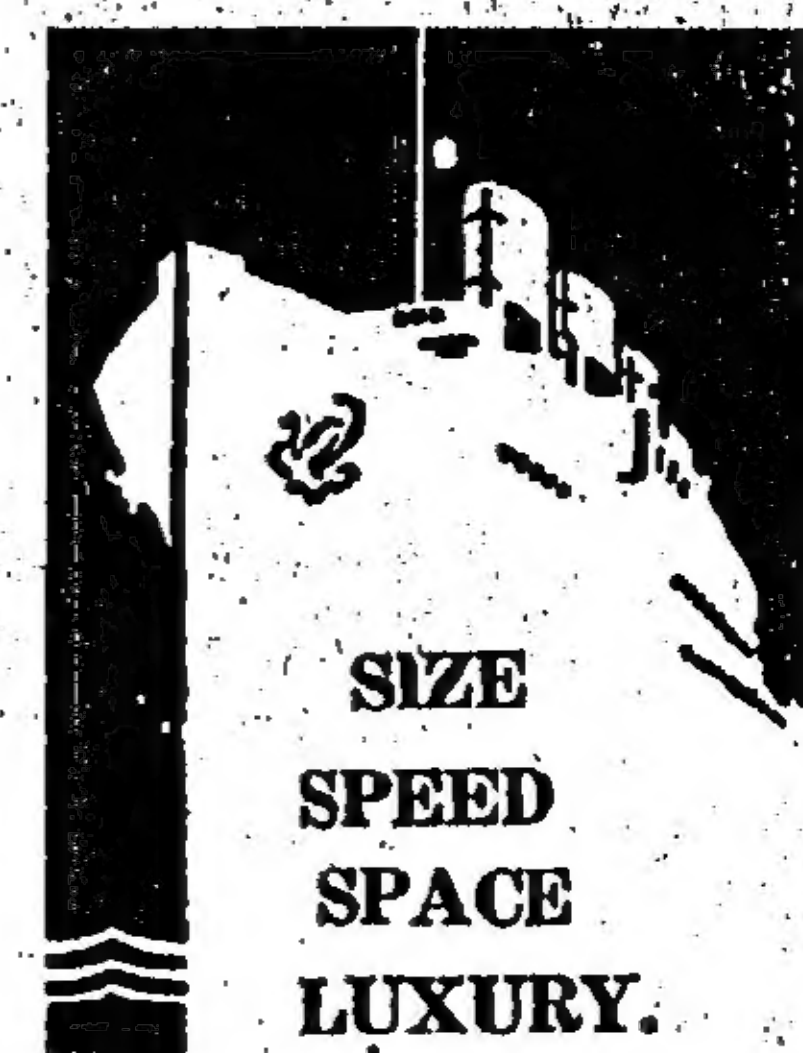
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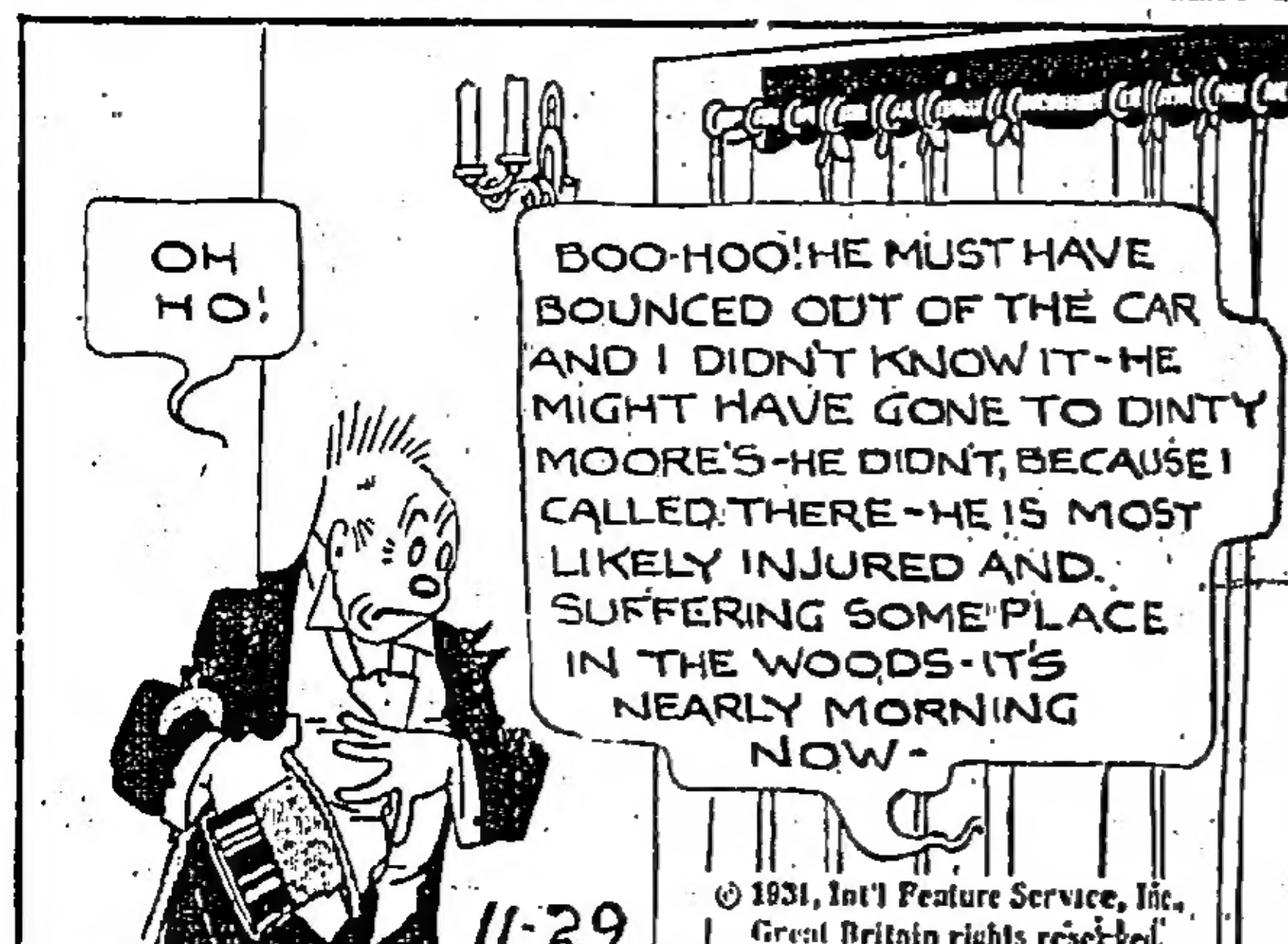
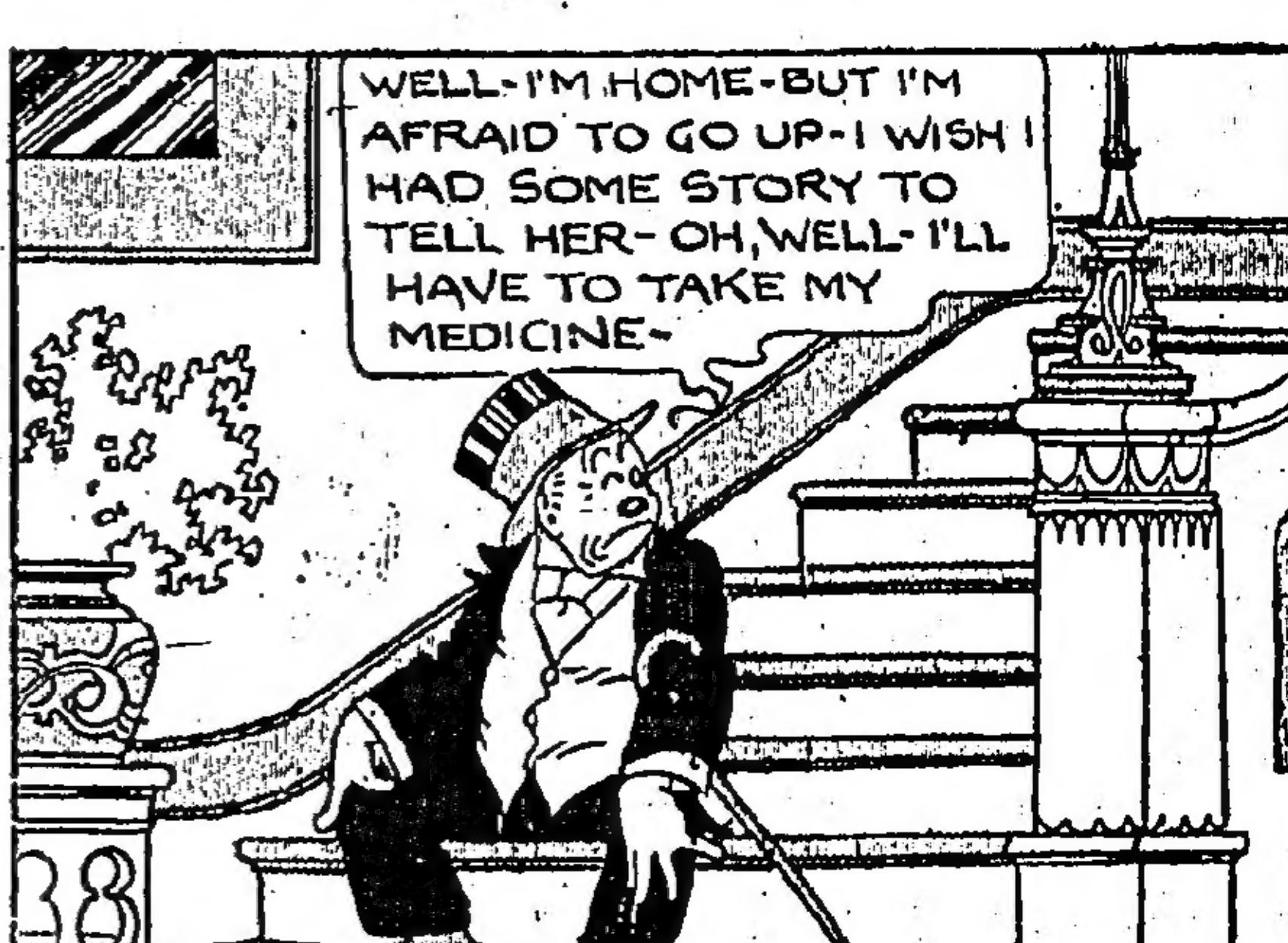
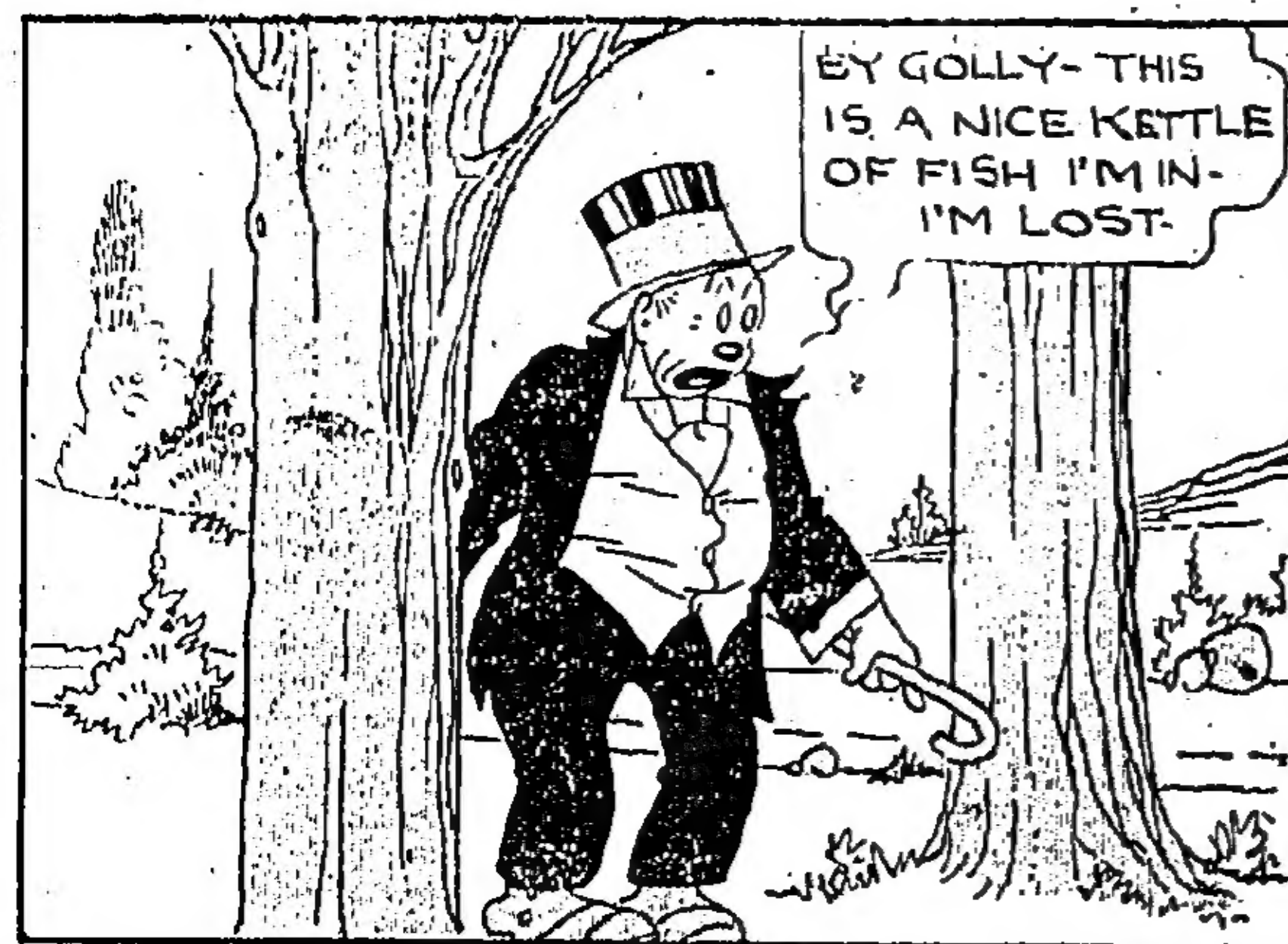
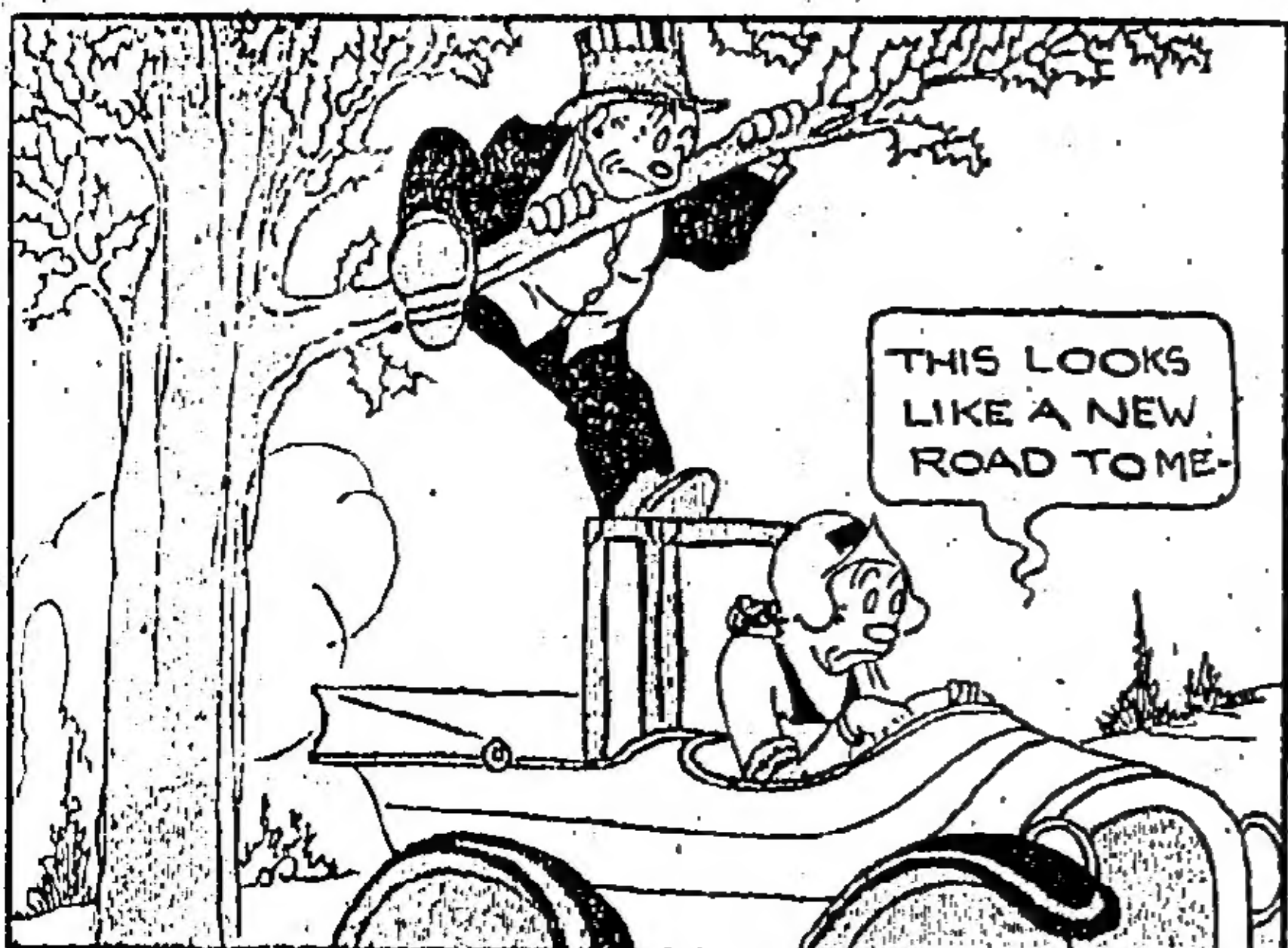
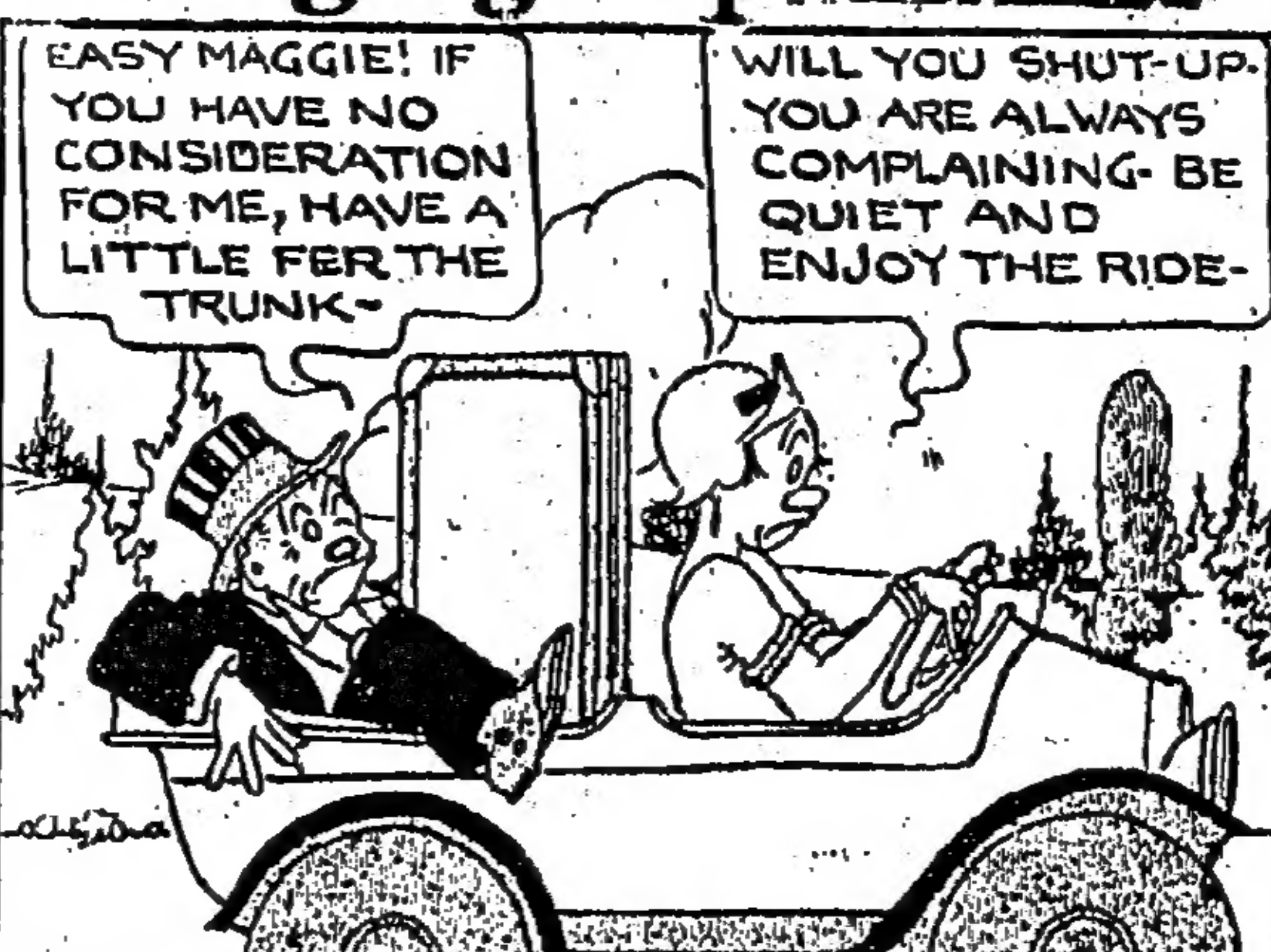
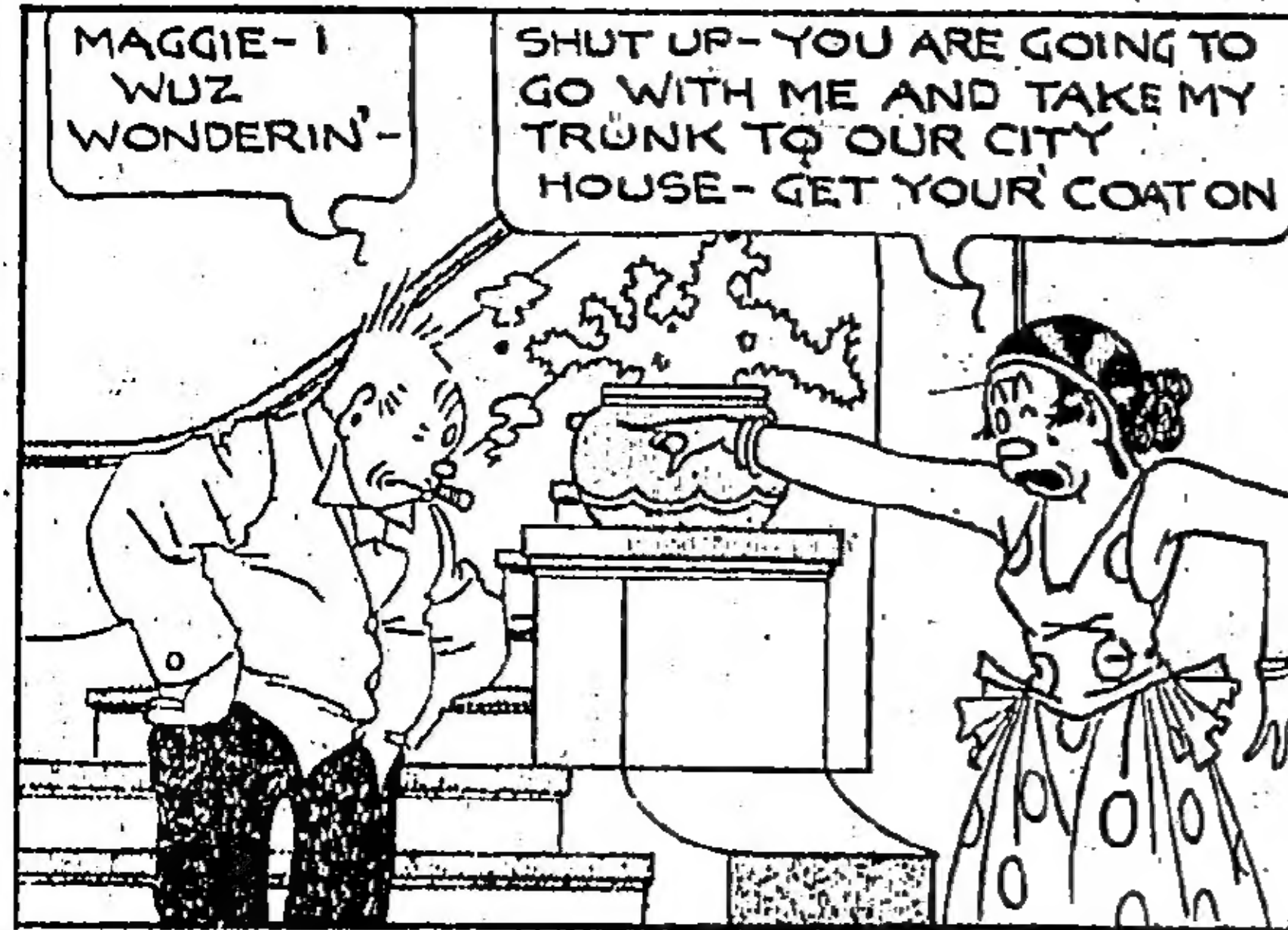
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Alexandra of Denmark.

Alexandra was born on the first of December, 1844. She was the eldest daughter of the Prince and Princess Christian, who afterwards became King and Queen of Denmark.

Even as a small child, Alexandra disliked ugly things, — perhaps because she was so very beautiful herself. Ugly dresses were specially distasteful to her. Once she had asked her mother if she could have one really pretty frock, and Princess Christian replied that she might if she made it herself. So Alexandra thought the matter over seriously, and determined to make her own clothes, which she did with such success that her sisters followed her example.

Alexandra's parents were so poor that for several years they were obliged to educate their children themselves, but Alix, as she was called, disliked her lessons, and much preferred sewing. As she had no money with which to buy Christmas presents for her family she made all the gifts herself, and year after year, as Christmas came round her poor little fingers were so covered with needle pricks that they hurt her. She grew into such a lovely, sweet, kind girl that few

people could resist giving her what she wanted, and when her sisters and brothers had a special request to make to their par-



Alexandra of Denmark.

ents they always asked Alix to do it for them.

In the Summer they all lived in the country, which Alix, who

loved dogs and horses, always preferred to the town. Here her life was a very simple one. She would go riding with her father all her dogs scampering round her, then return to her dress-making, and her rather tedious lessons in manners — how to enter a room, how, curtsy, and how to behave in the presence of kings and queens.

When Alexandra was about sixteen, she had her photograph taken in a white muslin dress, with a black ribbon tied round her neck, and this picture was brought to London by an English officer who showed it to Edward, the young Prince of Wales. The Prince declared he had never seen so lovely a girl, and, hearing that she was Princess Alix of Denmark, he went to his mother, Queen Victoria, and said he wished to meet her. It was some months before this could be arranged, but when Alexandra and her family went to Germany for a holiday the Prince went to the same place, and he actually met the Princess by chance. He strolled into the Cathedral one day with his tutor, and to his delight, he recognised the lovely Princess walking round with her father and a guide book. Soon afterwards they were betrothed.

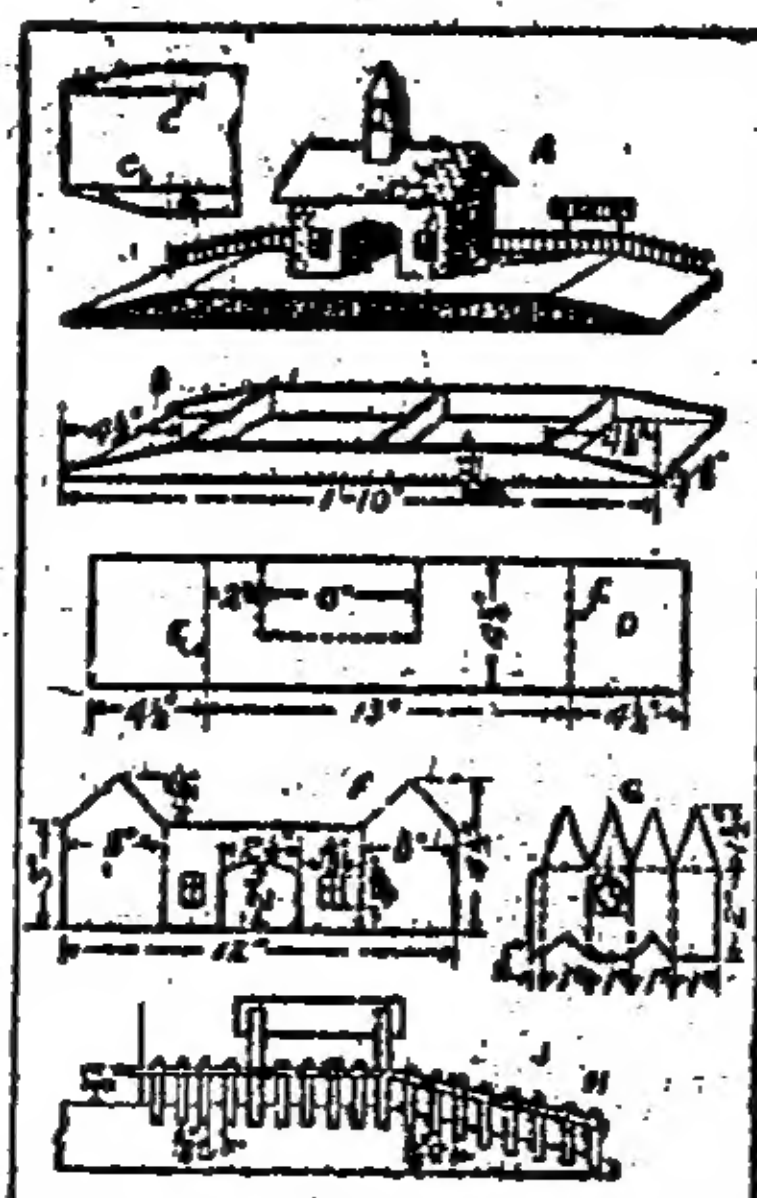
When Alexandra was eighteen, she came to England to marry the Prince, who was twenty-one, and her welcome was one of the most wonderful that London has ever given a foreign princess. The city spent £10,000 in making itself fit for her. And when the beautiful princess, whose dowry had been partly subscribed by the people of Denmark, drove through the crowded streets, she won all hearts, and from that moment became dear to all England.

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP.

Making A Toy Railway Station In Cardboard.

This week I want to tell you how to build a fine toy railway station entirely out of cardboard. You will require some pieces of cardboard about one-sixteenth inch thick, a tube of strong adhesive, a ruler, a set-square, and a sharp penknife.

Cut out the base and sides of the platform, which are in one piece. To do this, take a piece of cardboard measuring twenty-two inches long and seven-and-



A toy railway station—made of cardboard. Carpenter explains all about it.

a-half inches wide, and mark a pencil line one-and-a-half inches from each long edge. Mark the four corners to the dimensions given in diagram B, and then cut these away with a penknife, using your ruler for a guide. Now cut half-way through the cardboard on lines C, C, and bend the side pieces so that they stand up as shown in diagram B. Cut three strips, four-and-a-half inches long, and glue them between the sides to strengthen them.

Cut another piece of cardboard to the sizes given in diagram D, mark the lines E, E, across and cut the board half through on these lines. Bend the ends down slightly, and glue the part in place to form the top of the platform.

On another piece of cardboard, mark out the station building to the sizes given in diagram F. After cutting it to shape, cut half through on the dotted lines and bend the ends at right angles. Cut out a piece for the back, the same size as the front of the building, and glue it in place. For the roof, cut a piece seven inches by five, mark a line down

THE LEGEND OF DRYOPE.

Dryope was a king's daughter, a strange little maid who preferred to wander in the woods rather than to dance at her father's court. She was very timid, and she used to stand quite still under the trees and think how beautiful they were. The trees loved her, and after a time the Dryades, who were the spirits of the trees, came out of the dark trunks and made friends with Dryope.

Dryope played very happily with the Dryades, and, as she grew older, she liked them better than any of the ordinary people. Then one day the sun god, Apollo, looked down as he was driving his golden chariot across the sky, and wondered who this very lovely mortal could be. He soon found out, and then he played a trick on the beautiful Dryope.

He changed himself into a tortoise, and went walking under the trees. When Dryope saw the tortoise she was very pleased. She called the Dryades, and they all sat down on the grass, and Dryope took the tortoise on to her lap and said she would keep it as a pet.

While they were playing with the tortoise, it suddenly turned into a snake. The Dryades screamed with fright and vanished into the trees, leaving poor Dryope alone with the dreadful creature on her lap. This was exactly what Apollo wanted, and as Dryope was too terrified to call for help, he changed himself back into the sun god and carried the lovely maiden to the skies. There he put her in his golden chariot and showed her many beautiful things, but she was still very frightened.

Then the Dryades came softly, took Dryope away from the burning chariot of the sun while Apollo was asleep, and changed her into a poplar tree.

And that is how the straight, still poplar trees came to earth.

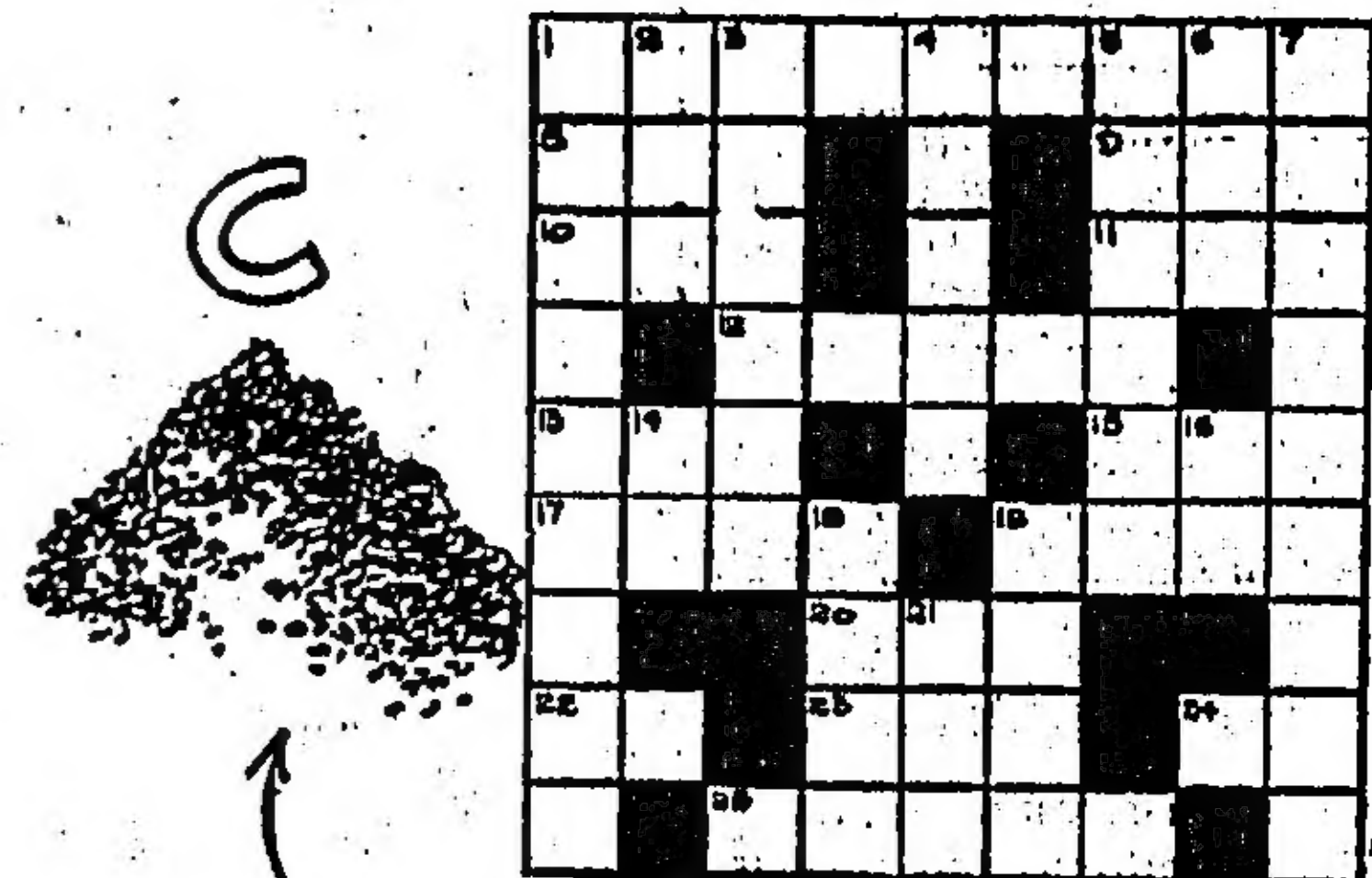
TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The word beside last week's puzzle was "of," and the numeral was X (ten). The two together made the word "of" which we hid in the puzzle. Full solution:—

- Across.
1. Bird (Starling).
 2. Slow, under-hand ball in cricket (Lob).
 3. Meaning "new" or "modern." (Neo).
 4. Hidden word (Often).
 5. Walk in conceited manner (Strut).
 6. Musical note (Si).
 7. One (An).
 8. Exclamation (Hi).
 9. Gave (his or her) word (Promised).
 10. Remainder (Rest).

- Down.
1. Not quick (Slow).
 2. Preposition (To).
 3. A monk (Abbot).
 4. A creek or bay (Inlet).
 5. Compass point (NE).
 6. Obtained (Got).
 7. Border of picture, etc. (Frame).
 8. Country in North Africa (Tunis).
 9. Title (Sir).
 10. Conceal (Hide).
 11. Cry (Spy).
 12. Pronoun (He).
 13. Conjunction (Or).
 14. Thoroughfare (abbreviated) .. (St).

Now you see a letter and a pile — think of another name for pile, add it on to the letter C, and you will have the word we have hidden this week.



Clues:—

- Across.
1. Disentangles.
 2. Follows neither.
 3. Large animal of the deer family.
 4. Girl's name.
 5. French for "friend."
 6. Hidden word.
 7. Used with a pen.
 8. Kind of fairy.
 9. Largest amount.
 10. False god.
 11. What you hear with.
 12. Pronoun.
 13. Fuss.
 14. Within.
 15. Lazy person.
- Down.
1. All of one mind.
 2. Incline the head.
 3. Traces.
 4. Unusual.
 5. Sprang.
 6. Tree.
 7. A miser.
 8. Negative.
 9. Behold.
 10. You shed this when you cry.
 11. Metal.
 12. Same as 23 across.

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Cushion For A Wooden Chair.

To-day we're showing you how to make a nice little cushion for a wooden chair. It has a woven top of brown furnishing-braid, with a plain casement cloth back, and it measures twelve inches square when it's finished.

Besides the casement cloth and furnishing braid, you will need some penny skeins of embroidery wool in orange, yellow, tangerine, black, and jade.

Cut eight strips of braid, each thirteen inches long, lay four of them side by side in a row on a wooden board, and secure them with drawing-pins all along their top edges. Now take the other four pieces of braid, and weave

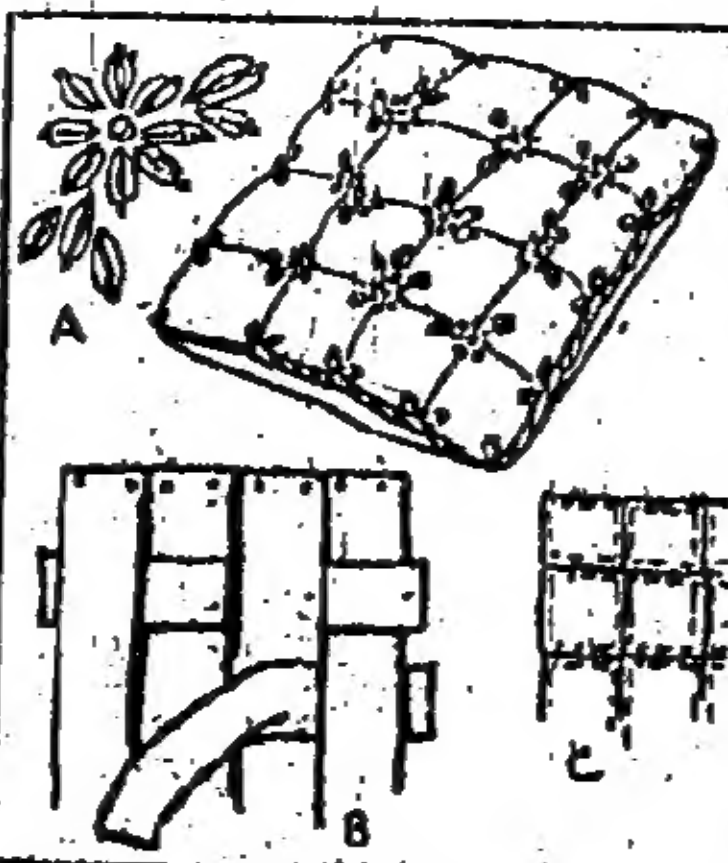
them, one by one, under and over the first four pieces, as shown in Diagram B. Tack each cross-way strip in position, as shown in Diagram C, remove from the board, and work the embroidery.

Diagram A shows how this goes. You work a wee posy on each of the places where the braids cross, so there will be nine little bits of embroidery on the cushion. Work daisies in the various coloured wools, giving them black centres and green lazy-daisy leaves. You can pencil round a penny to get the outline for each flower, and eight or nine lazy-daisy stitches round a little satin-stitch centre will give you a pretty blossom. There are two lazy-daisy leaves at each end of the braids, as you will see by the picture.

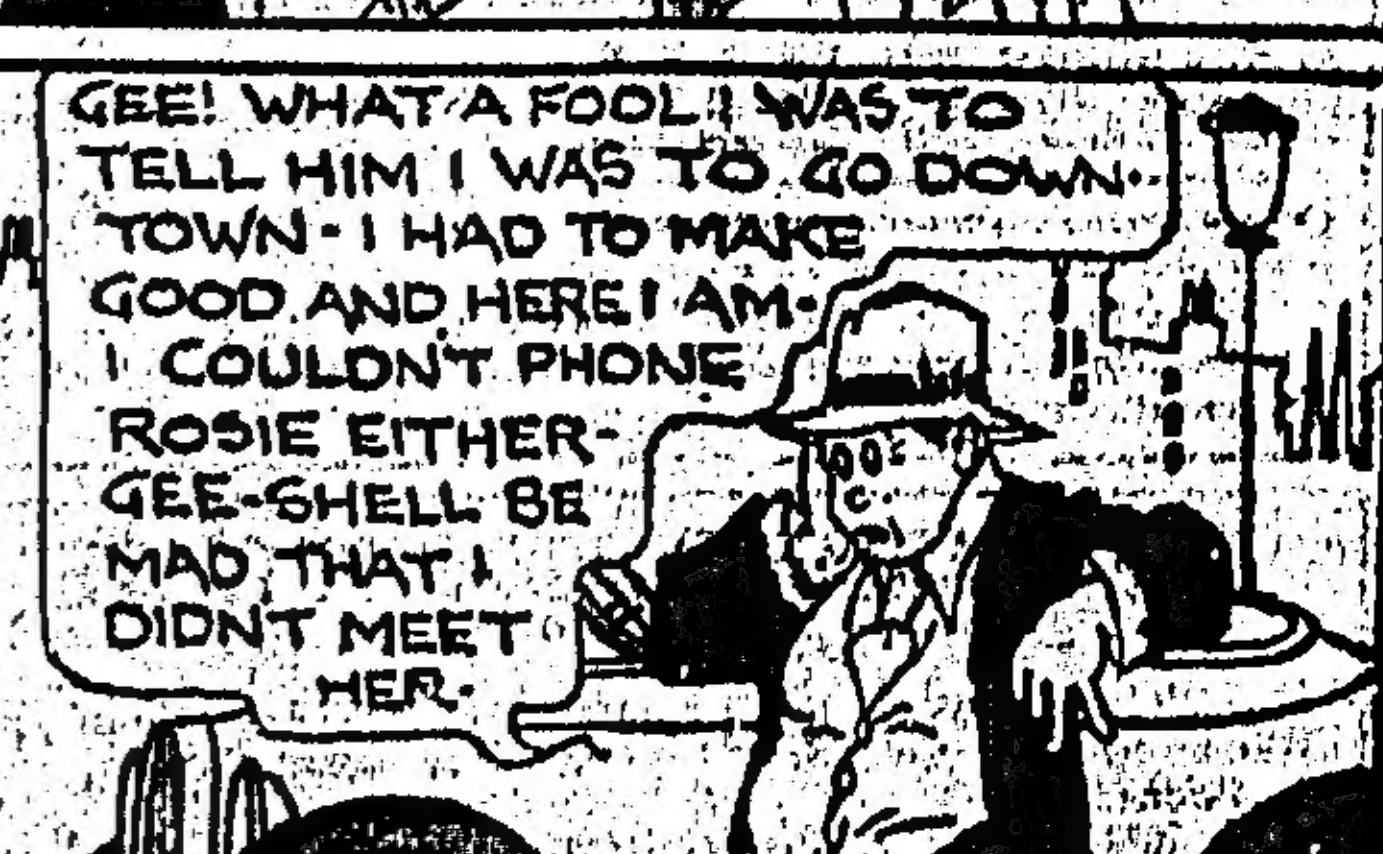
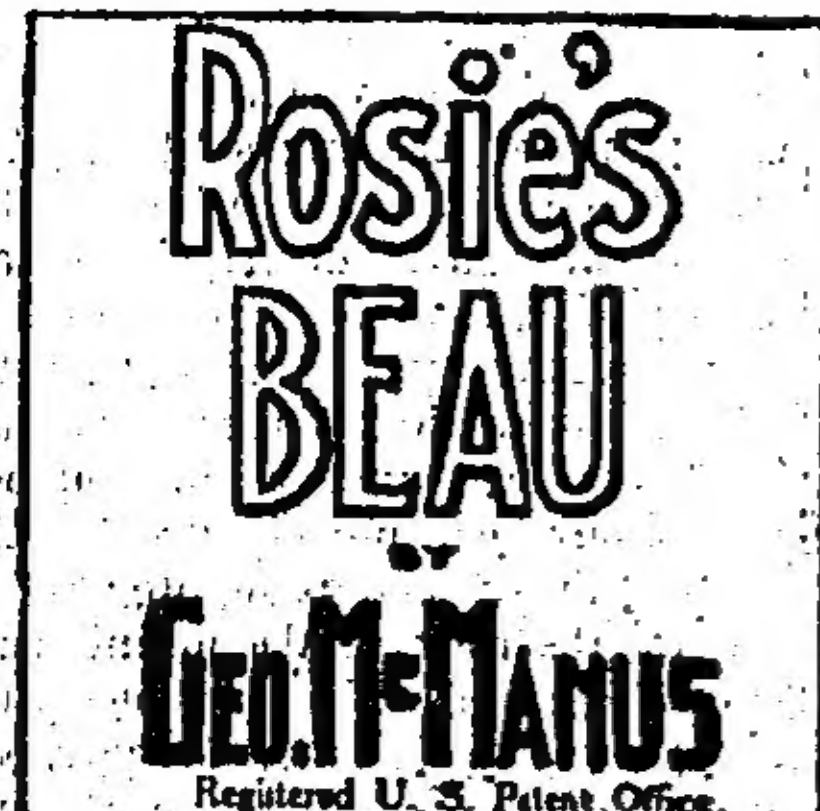
Sew the finished top on three sides to the casement-cloth back — this will look nicest in orange — and then stuff a little plain

pillow inside. Sew up the remaining side, stitch an orange or green cord all round, and the cushion is finished.

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EDITORIAL "TRIFE."

That Editors want news and not
"trife" was the opinion expressed
by Mr. Hayden Dimmock, Editor of
The Scout, when he addressed the
annual meeting of the Luton Boy
Scouts Association.

Mr. Dimmock was speaking of
the Scout News columns which ap-
pear in many journals. He said,
"Editors will not print 'trife'. Let
that sink in. If you want your
corner to be a success and of value
to Scouting, go and do something
worth putting in that corner."

Lord Hampton, Chief Commis-
sioner of the Boy Scouts Associa-
tion, speaking at the annual dinner
of the Old Millhillians, stressed the
importance of the Boy Scout Move-
ment taking root in the great Public

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TALKIE TALKS

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Diane

We are to see quite a lot of
Charles Ruggles in forthcoming re-
leases. In "Girl Habit" he is
allowed full measure for his talent.
The cast are all from the New York
stage, so the names are unknown to
"Talkie Fans." The story is far-
fetched, which tells of a wealthy
bachelor who has a great facility
for getting himself involved with
the ladies—which leads to amusing
adventures. There are plenty of
laughs, and, after all, that is what
we need at Christmas time.
(King's).

It is not often that one hears
applause in a Talkie in this city, but
at "Sporting Blood" the audience
was worked up to such a pitch of
excitement in the race for the Ken-
tucky Derby, they applauded
"Tommy Boy." The advertisements
make a great deal of the appearance
of the present idol—Clark Gable, but
to my mind he had nothing to do.
I give the palm to Ernest Torrence
and the horses—all of them. The
scenery is beautiful. Madge Evans
is delightful. It is a race-track
story, but rather an unusual one,
and is certainly worth seeing. I
hear in "Free Soul" and "Susan
Lennox", we shall see the new star
—to great advantage—Clark Gable
has shot to fame almost over-night.
Make a point of seeing "Sporting
Blood." (Queen's).

Hail "The Dawn Patrol" as an
exceptional picture, one of the best
of the many aviation films. It
compares with "Journey's End" be-
cause the characters are similar,
but it has the advantage of far
greater movement, variety of scenes,
and the presence of three popular

young men—Richard Barthelmess,
Douglas Fairbanks, jun., and Neil
Hamilton. It is a cast made up
entirely of men and they depict life
in the Royal Flying Corps during
the Great War which tends to show
the reaction of youth in the hideous
actualities of war and its horrors.
Barthelmess shares honours with
the other two men but they all give
magnificent performances. It is
a gallant drama by John Monk
Saunders, and won the recent award
from the Academy Picture Arts and
Sciences. A film not to be mis-
sed. (Queen's).

Before "Queen High" was a
musical comedy, I remember it as
a most amusing farce called "A
Pair of Sixes." Two partners in
the manufacture of garters quarrel,
and a lawyer suggests that they
draw poker hands to see which will
run the business for a year, and
which will act as the others valet
for the same length of time. Charles
Ruggles loses, but he has a tough
year, and does everything to make
it equally hard for his partner
Ralph Morgan. There are pretty
girls, and some nice tunes. Ginger
Rogers is attractive, and Stanley
Smith a good foil. Recommended
—if only to enjoy a laugh, and a
good game of poker. (Central).

Cyril Maude, beloved veteran
British actor, comes to the King's
Theatre screen in the play he has
made famous. We have all seen him
as the supposedly grouchy old law-
yer who hides a big heart behind
his pretended bad temper.
"Grumpy" has been excellently pro-
duced by Paramount, and the two
juveniles are Phillips Holmes and



BOY SCOUTS AND UNEMPLOYED.

The Boy Scouts of America have,
through Dr. James E. West, offered
to assist in any way possible the
Unemployment Relief Work organi-
zed by President Hoover.

Boys and Leaders in the Move-
ment, Dr. West said, are ready to
give service in the same spirit that
Boy Scouts gave service in Liberty
Bond campaigns and in other na-
tionwide activities during the
World War. It is stipulated, how-
ever, that the services of the boys
must not be utilised in any way
that would replace men or otherwise
increase unemployment.

"Great care," Dr. West says in a
bulletin addressed to Scout Leaders,
"should be exercised in planning
these service opportunities for
Scouts, so as to avoid having Scouts
do things for which a wage would
ordinarily be paid."

Many Services Possible.

He points out that Boy Scouts
can do many things for which there
are no funds for wages, such as
providing messenger service for
relief committees, collecting and dis-
tributing food and clothing, gather-
ing statistics and carrying out other
similar activities suited to adolescent
boys which they are capable of do-
ing if given the opportunity. They
will not, however, be permitted to
collect money.

Communally good turns carried
out by Boy Scouts of America since
last year include:—

6,000 hours of work performed by
Boy Scouts of Birmingham, Ala.,
in connection with efforts of the
Community Chest and the Red Cross
to preserve the bumper crop of
fruits and vegetables.

One Scout alone rendered 160
hours of service. Before canning
activities at Birmingham are com-
pleted it is expected that 50,000
quart jars and cans of preserved
foods will be stored for distribution
to the needy this winter.

Collect Glass Jars.

Boy Scouts of two cities com-
pleted a canvass for 100,000 glass
jars suitable for canning to be used
in a similar way.

Boy Scouts of Wilmington, Del.,
picked and carted hundreds of
baskets of fruits for the needy.

At Waterbury, Conn., the relief
committee is utilizing the services
of the Boy Scouts in collecting
clothing.

Five thousand Scouts of Buffalo,
N.Y., are to visit every home in the
city, arranging for yans to call for
old clothes.

Boy Scouts in Ottumwa, Iowa, in
one day collected a ton of clothing.
Similar activities on the part of
Scouts in the collection of clothing
are reported at St. Louis, Mo.,
Jacksonville, Fla., and Hartford,
Conn.

At St. Louis, a bundle of clothing
was the price of admission to
matinees at forty-three theatres.
Scouts assisted at each theatre in
collecting and piling up the bundles.

Call for Food.

In response to offers of food made
by housewives of Richmond, Va.,
Scouts are calling for food to be dis-
tributed through a woman's com-
mittee.

Firewood cut by the unemployed
in Windsor, Conn., last year and
paid for by the community, is now
being sold in aid of local relief
activities. Boy Scouts have dis-
tributed circulars throughout the
town announcing the sale.

Thus does the Boy Scout seek to
earn his title of "little friend of all
the World."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK.

"Hateful to me as the gates
of Hades is he who hides one
thing in his mind and speaks
another."—Homer.

LIFE'S SAD, SAD NECESSITY!

Major Malcolm Speir, Assistant
Provincial Commissioner for Rover
Scouts, Ulster, speaking at the
annual meeting of the South Belfast
Boy Scouts Association, said that
the Boy Scout Movement was trying
to protect boys against the greatest
danger of to-day, the over-love of
pleasure, and the regarding of work
as a sad, sad necessity.

Sir Frederick Claver, who pre-
sided at the meeting, said that he
felt that parents owed a deep debt
of gratitude to the Scoutmasters
who give their lives and ability to
help the boys of the community to
build their characters, and encour-
age useful activities among them.

Francois Dido. The play is cer-
tainly entertaining and quite ex-
citing. (King's).

Coming shortly is a solo-dramatic
thriller "Dirigible," with three
really good artists—Jack Holt,
Ralph Graves, and Fay Wray. The
film has been wonderfully produced
by Columbia, and there are thrills
galore. It is a story that will ap-
peal to people of all nations.
(Central).

Announced for the King's—
Edmund Lowe, Greta Nissen, John
Halliday and Lois Moran in a
drama taken on board a gigantic
liner. In "Transatlantic" we see
the hand of adventurers who live
their lives in a glamour, facing all
manner of dangers—and giving the
audience suspense and thrills.

Then, too, comes "Bad Girl,"
from the best-seller by Vina Delmer.
This film has given a new star,
James Dunn, who with Sally Eilers
does the super work. Critics say it is
the best thing Frank Borzage has
done since "Seventh Heaven."—
"Her Wedding Night"—with Clara
Bow and Ralph Forbes, not forget-
ting Charles Ruggles—is not exactly
a marvellous picture, but the Bow
admirers will like it. Lots of peo-
ple think the four Marx Brothers
most amusing, (I do not), and in
"Monkey Business," they will prob-
ably pack the King's. If broad
burlesque and a little vulgarity ap-
peal to you, then be among those
present, when they visit the King's
shortly.

In "The Man in Possession,"
Robert Montgomery has a part in
which he seems to revel—perhaps
it appeals to his own sense of
humour. Naughty, in parts, the
Plot is novel and diverting. Robert
as Bailliff's assistant is installed in
the house of a pretty but insolvent
debtor, and the strange young man
and the strange young girl find
themselves occupying the same
apartment over-night. Irene Pur-
cell—(liked here in "Just a Gigolo")
and Charlotte Greenwood assist the
charming Montgomery to make a
delightful evening. The only fault
I had to find was the fact that the
accent of the star was too American
for a supposed Britisher. (Queen's).

Dick Leuterio and his Capellians
are the added attraction at the Cen-
tral, and their delightful music is
most appreciated. It is quite a
treat to see and hear the real thing.
Mechanical music is admittedly
marvellous, but the real artists are
worth going specially to see. They
give a varied programme. (Central).



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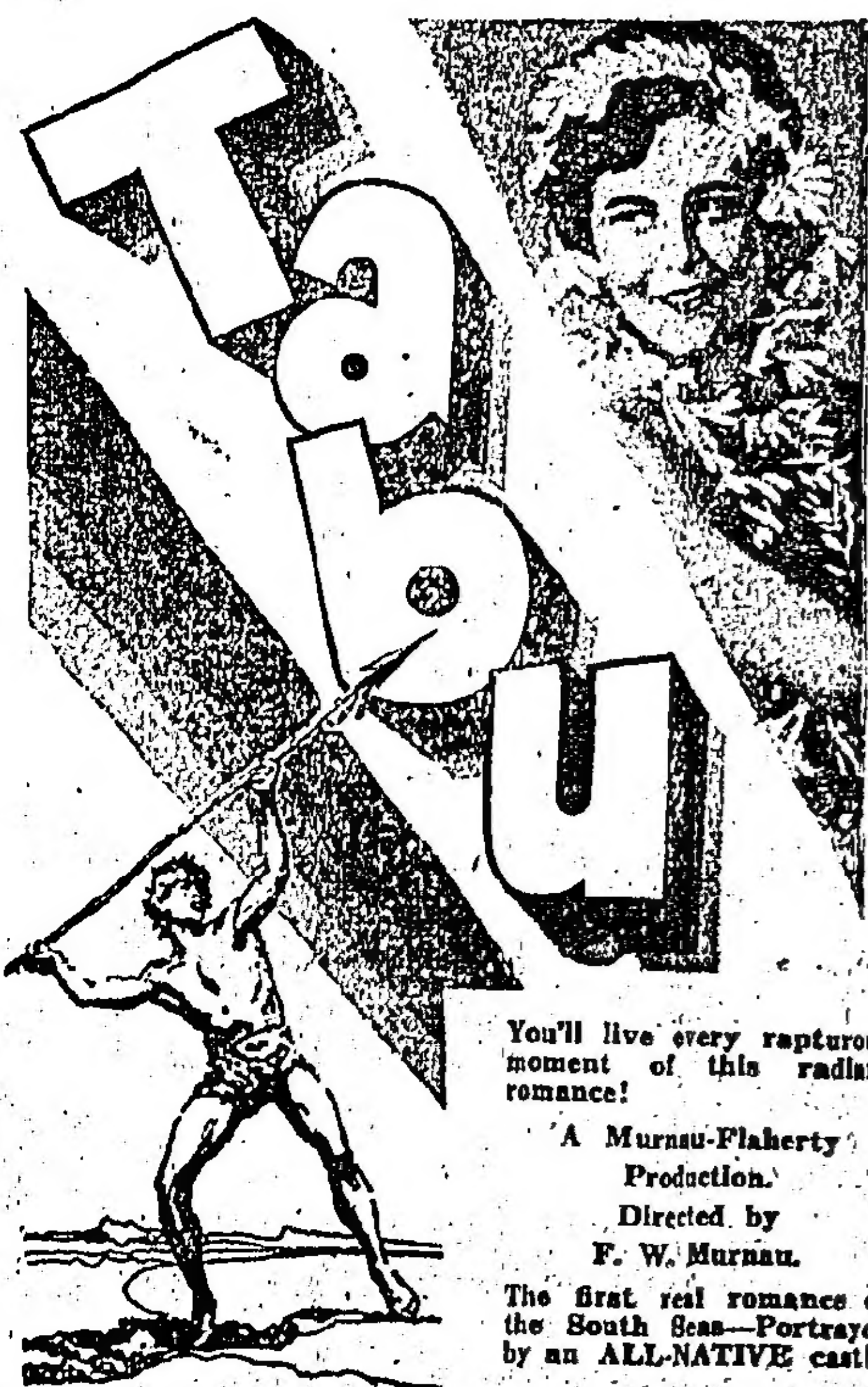
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NEXT CHANGE



UNDAUNTED VICTIM CHASED ROBBERS.

**Pursuit in Hail of
Revolver Shots.**

Residents of the quiet riverside resort of Thames Ditton, in Surrey, were awakened in the early hours of the morning recently by the rap-tap of revolver shots.

A few bold spirits ventured out to investigate and not long afterwards had a chance of assisting the most courageous thief-catcher the countryside has seen for a long time.

It seems that burglars had crept into a house at Thames Ditton, but their efforts were foiled by the owner, a light sleeper. Appearing on the scene, he interrupted the depredations of his nocturnal visitors and chased them to the river bank.

The robbers jumped into a boat and rowed away, but were followed by their intended victim, who daringly swam after them in his night-clothes. The fugitives drew their revolvers and fired repeatedly at the splashing figure, but the pursuer, undaunted, kept grimly on although several bullets struck the water perilously near.

He gained on the fugitives and, when he was a few yards away, swam under water to the boat, which he tried to overturn. As he was attempting to execute this well-conceived plan, one of the robbers struck him on the head with his revolver.

Knocked half unconscious, the pursuer was compelled to give up his chase and it was only with great difficulty that he managed to regain the shore. There he was received by some fellow residents and hurried off to hospital. His head throbbing with pain, his injury, though severe, is not likely to prove fatal.

TWELVE COMMANDMENTS.

In the Journal of Accountancy, New York, there has been considerable controversy on the subject of the accommodation provided for auditors and their staffs by companies employing accountants. A reader asks to clinch the matter with these Twelve Commandments:

1. Choose as noisy an office as possible, preferably near a street-car intersection or corner with automatic traffic signals.
2. Exclude daylight with partitions and window shades. Arrange artificial light so that workers at desks will always be in their own shadow.
3. If a factory, place the accounting department immediately over a boiler shop, near plant whistle signal, riveting machines and trip-hammers.
4. Fix office telephones close to auditors' desks so that people using them can shout down the accountants when calling over postings, etc.
5. Have a few typewriters, billing machines and addressographs hammering incessantly within hearing of auditors.
6. Arrange broken swivel or tip-up chairs for accountants either too high or too low for the desk. Chair legs, of unequal lengths, should emit squeaks when the occupant moves, breathes, speaks or clears throat.

ARE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOOMED.

**Effect of High Fees and
Increased Taxation.**

DEAN INGE'S FEARS.

The Rev. Dean Inge, speaking at the prize giving at Whitgift School, Croydon, said that he did not see how the great public schools could survive for more than one generation more because of their necessarily very high fees, the families which used to support them being taxed out of existence.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, the headmaster of Harrow School, on the other hand, maintained that public schools would continue though probably on a somewhat modified system. Some would probably receive state aid and be more absorbed into the State system.

Parents' Requests for Reduced Fees
Many parents have written to the headmasters of their sons' schools asking whether in view of the present economic crisis it will be possible to reduce their fees.

The governors of Eton College at a recent meeting have decided that such a step is impossible but they have recommended that extra charges should be reduced wherever possible.

The governors at Marlborough College came to a similar conclusion but at a private meeting of the staff it was decided that the masters should if possible give a certain proportion of their salaries to the formation of a fund from which contributions would be made to the parents of those boys who would otherwise have to leave the school.

A letter was written to Messrs. Gabbitts Thring and Co., the schoolastic agents, asking them whether they had heard of any schools who had definitely decided to reduce their fees.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

NEW POEM BY MR. MASEFIELD.

**Ode to Cathedral
Tower Compass.**

Centuries-old pageantry was revived in Liverpool's half-finished Cathedral, when Canon F. W. Dwelly was installed as the cathedral's first Dean.

The vergers were clad in fourteenth-century vestments, and a special ode to the cathedral by Mr. John Masefield, the Post-Laureate, was sung.

This poem, which had been kept a secret for the service, was as follows:

They buried Him, and then the soldiers slept;
The city fasted; and the feasters told
How all the crucifying had been done

But before dawn the heavy stone unrolled.

The grave clothes fell, the Living Form out-stepped.
Man's many-millions darkness knew the Sun.

We are all buried deep. Arise! Arise!

In us, oh Living Form, out of its hate,
This greed, this night, this starving in the stone.

Roll back, the self-shut boulders of our fate
That we might know our power and be wise,
In the light for ever about us truly known.

Mr. Masefield, at a banquet which followed the service, said that all cathedrals should be made conspicuous by their towers or spires. He suggested that windvanes telling the wind and great bells telling the hours, to mark the launching of a ship or the arrival of a ship, should be placed in the tower of Liverpool Cathedral.

"And in this city," he declared, "I would have the tower such that mariners, who are the life of the city, could adjust their compasses by it and see the storm signals and time signals on it so that it should be their tower pre-eminently."

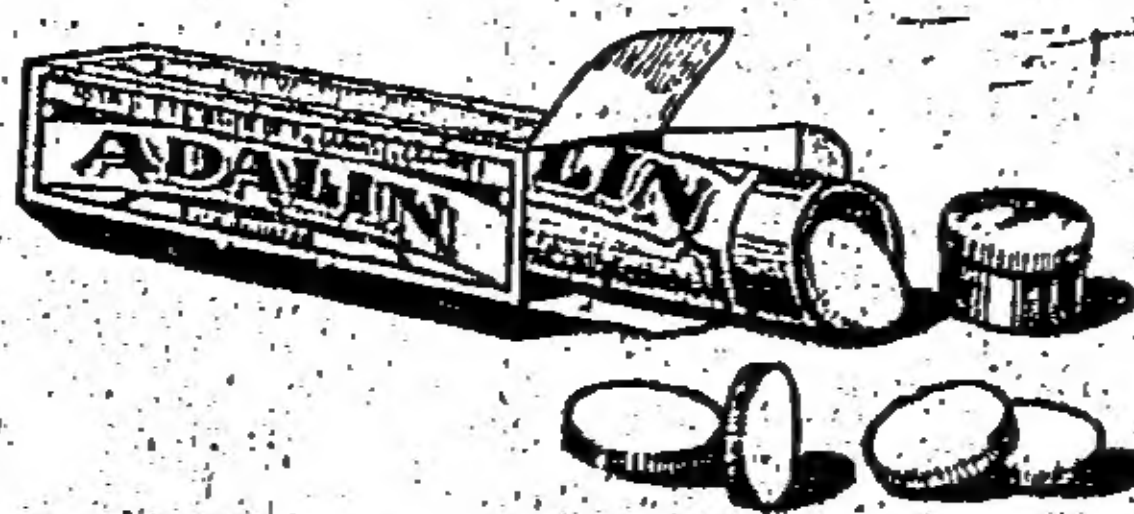
THE SOFT-HEARTED BANDITS.

When two armed men entered the bakery shop of Herr Haesler, in Strausberg, and, pointing their revolvers at him, demanded the contents of his till, Herr Haesler pleaded that he was a poor man with four children and was experiencing as much difficulty as themselves in making ends meet in these hard times.

The bandits were so touched that they pocketed their revolvers, shook Herr Haesler warmly by the hand, wished him better luck, and took their departure, leaving the till untouched.

In reply they said that the principals of a number of schools had written to tell them that they were prepared to accept a reduced fee in suitable cases, but that as far as they knew very few school principals had officially made a reduction in their fees. Most of them, however, were doing their best to keep the extras as low as possible so that the school fees should be almost inclusive.

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